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Birt's plan hits a wall of protest

MATHEW HORSMAN

John Birt vesterday ran into a wall of political opposition to his plans to restructure the BBC. with accusations that he was trying to privatise chunks of the corporation "by the back door".

The BBC's controversial diector-general confirmed an article in yesterday's Independent that the corporation was planning to spin off its reources arm into a separate, wholly owned subsidiary. But he vehemently denied the move would lead to the privatisation of BBC Resources.

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capital for future investment," the BBC said in a statement. A spokesman added that creating a separate subsidiary to contain BBC Resources, which groups the corporation's stu-dios, editing suites and other basic facilities, was not meonsistent with the BBC's mandate as a public service broadcaster. Mr Birt, speaking on the Today programme on Radio 4, insisted there were no plans

But his assurances were rejected by Bectu, which repre-sents BBC Resources 9,000 staff. "This is a prelude to full

privatisation of the BBC," Gerry Morrissey, supervisor of broadcasting at Bectu said. "We will vehemently oppose any at-tempts by the BBC to split up and sell off any part of the corporation."

Jack Cunningham, the shadow Secretary of State for National Heritage, said: "Fundamental changes of the kind proposed by Mr Birt should bave been part of the debate before the BBC's new Charter was renewed by Parliament." He added that Mr Birt's ag-

gressive campaign for an increase in the licence fee was "inappropriate against a background of proposals for change

spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, said: "The integrity of the BBC as a public service broadcaster must be maintained. The proposals as they have appeared imply a back-door privatisation of the BBC."

The harsh words marked an escalation in the political opposition to Mr Birt's stewardship of the BBC, which has included a commitment to the commercialisation of the service as well as a radical management shake-up that critics claim could ruin the World Service.

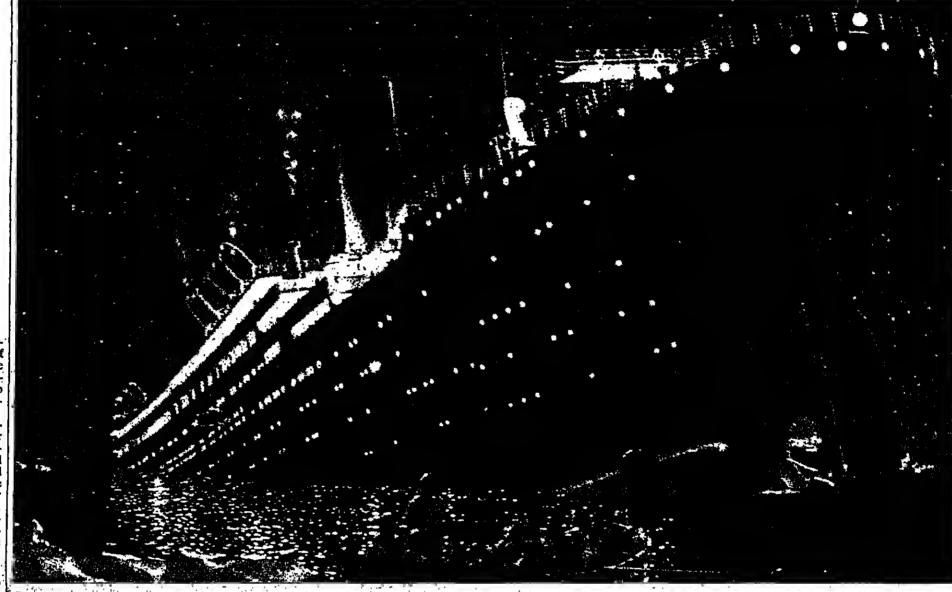
man of the Commons Heritage Select Committee on Broad casting, and himself a proponent of a more commercial BBC, was none the less highly critical of the current management. "The BBC belongs to the Government. It is funded by the taxpayer, and operates by Royal Charter. The people who run it have no right to reconstruct it,"

He said that the BBC should halt all changes immediately, and await a session of the Select Committee in the antumn for a full and frank debate. "We shall be questioning them very rigorously, and we shall be demanding straight answers to very clear questions."

to privatise any part of the Bectu's Mr Morrissey warned that the commercial changes proposed for BBC Resources would only be the beginning. Leading article, page 13

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'It would be cheaper to lower the Atlantic' (So said Lew Grade in 1979. Yesterday the £3.3m operation to raise the ship was abandoned)



The ship they said was unsinkable sank back to ber home of 84 years at the bottom of the оссан yesterday. As the Titanic defied the salvage operators' desperate attempts to raise her in swelling seas, the Atlantic refused once again to relinquish

its most famous wreck. A wrenching sound of snapping cables marked the moment when they lost their hold over the 15-tonne section of Titanic's hull. Before an andience of 1,700 tourists who had paid to watch history being resurrect-Gerald Kaufmann, the chair-

place broke free and the sea re-

Like those who have gone before, RMS - the company that owns exclusive salvage rights to

the ship - found she was not do anything about the people ready to rise. Lord (Lew) that went down in her it's futile." The greatest tragedy is to give up. We haven't. We'll get it next year'

Grade, who helped fund the 1979 film *The Raising of The Ti-*tanic, said: "As I said all those years ago, it would be cheaper to lower the Atlantic than raise the Titunic. It was a terrible ed, the balloons holding her in tragedy, so many lives were steel buil hit an iceberg in the

lost, and God knows what else.

People said there were dia-

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let it rest in peace now. You can't

April 1912 on her maiden voyage from Sonthampton, crowds gathered to marvel at the world's first luxury liner. But when the supposedly invincible

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the union would drop its prin-

cipled objection to it.

Richard Dykes, managing

director of the Royal Mail,

said a three-month suspension

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North Atlantic, there were not enough lifeboats for a full evacuation, and 1,523 of the 2,200 passengers and crew were lost. Among the three survivors

from the disaster who travelled on the Royal Majesty cruise ship to watch the salvage op-eration was Edith Haisman, 99.

Ms Haisman was 16 when her parents booked the family on to the Titanic, with hopes of opening a hotel in Seattle. Although she and her mother found a place on a lifeboat, her father perished. She recalled: "As he was walking up the gangplank, my father had a presentiment ... He turned white. He had some

sort of idea that something was going to happen. I, like every-body else, didn't expect it. It was really a lovely ship. The people were so happy."
For decades, salvage opera-

tors were beguiled by the chal-lenge of raising the *Titanic*, and the wreck was located in 1985. RMS has recovered 4,000 artefacts which hint nf the splendour of a ship filled with chandeliers, fine porcelain and crystal.

George Tulloch, president of RMS, was determined that at least a portion of the ship should be brought back to the surface in the £3.3m operation, to provide the centrepiece for an

exhibition in New York with the possibility of a full-scale Titanic museum in the future.

He was close to tears yesterday as he described how the salvage attempt foundered. "One line snapped and then they went one at a time and the piece is gone. The Titanic is not easy to bring home. But the greatest tragedy in the world is to give up. And we haven't given up. We'll get it next year."

The spot where the section of the hull went back under is marked by a beacon that will last two years, enabling the salvors to return for a further attempt. Godfrey Hodgson, page 15

More post delays in store as hardliners deliver threat

BARRIE CLEMENT

The Labour leadership yester-day called for an end to the Royal Mail dispute as hardliners defied mainstream opinion by urging a serious escalation of the industrial action. As delivery and sorting staff staged their seventh 24-hour

strike yesterday, influential members of the postal executive of the Communication Workers' Union were arguing for more disruptive tactics.

Meanwhile, the RMT transport union set two more dates - 11 and 23 September - for day-long strikes at seven rail operators already hit by 24-hour

stoppages.

One option in the postal dispute to be discussed by the union leadership on Tuesday, following a further nationwide stoppage on Monday, would be to "take out whole weekends"

with action possibly lasting from Friday to Monday inclusive. Such a decision would lead to nopoly expires on Thursday the further suspension of the Royal Mail's letters monopoly, the Government warned.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, made clear his support for Alan Johnson, the beleaguered joint general secretary of the union, who believes there is already a basis for a settlement and that the proposals should be put to the membership. "I am sure the leadership po-

sition of the union is absolutely correct in saying these is a basis for a settlement," he said. Mr Johnson has been consistently over-ruled by his executive, which is bitterly opposed to the management's productivity proposals, especially "teamworking". A union official said that the intervention by Labour

politicians was "unhelpful". them a chance to air their view lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, made it clear in a ballot?" he said. Rail strike details, page 2



Boxing clever: Action could soon cover weekends

Girl's body washed up on Norfolk beach

CHARLIE BAIN

The body of a young girl. thought to he that of six-year-old Jodi Loughlin who vanished from a Norfolk beach nearly two weeks ago, was discovered yesterday, washed up nearly 30 miles along the coast.

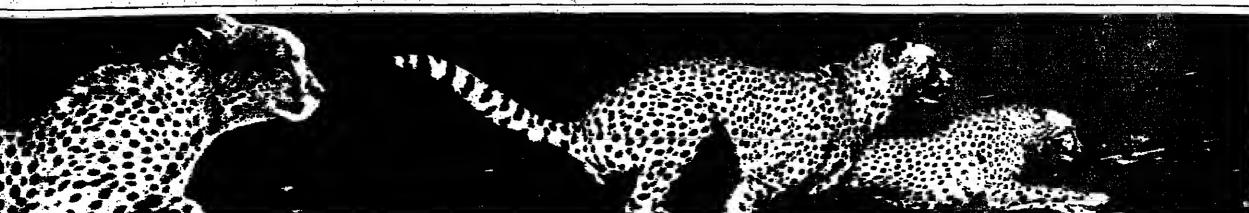
There was no sign of her prother Tom. four, who vanished with her from Holme beach, near Hunstanton 13 days ago. Detectives said that a man out jogging in the early hours of yesterday morning had spotted the body, which was washed up on the high-tide mark at Wevbourne.

A post-mortem examination will be held and police said that Jodi's parents. Kevin Laughlin and Lynette Thornton, both 37, of Norwood, south London, were being kept informed. The couple last saw the two children on 18 August at Holme heach, running through crowds of families towards the waves as the

tide came in. Within minutes both had vanished from sight. Mr Laughlin and Ms Thorn-ton, who had left their home the previous day for a week-long holiday at the Norfolk resort, searched for two hours before reporting the children missing. Last night, Norfolk coastguards said it was perfectly feasible that Jodi's body could have travelled the 30 miles cast from Holme to Weybourne, as the county had experienced some of the worst-ever August weather.

"If anything — bodies, debris - had been out at sea, it would have been washed ashore by vesterday's heavy seas," a spokesman for Yarmouth coast-





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Public warned as sex offender escapes

MATTHEW BRACE .

Police warned the public that 52-year-old Trevor Holland, a patient at an NHS-run secure unit in Hertfordshire, was vio-lent and should not be ap-

They said he leans to the right when walking, has a nervous twitch and covers his ears when approached. He is 5ft 10in tall, with grey hair and a Lancashire

Thomas Freeman, the chief executive of the Horizon NHS Trust, which was in charge of Trevor Holland's care, said Holland had previous convictions from 1992 and 1994 for either indecency or attempted indecen-cy on young boys aged between

Mr Freeman added that Holland had also been convicted in the past of sending obscene literature to children under the

age of 16, assault and affray. Holland had been sent to the

was being accompanied yesterday on a half-day trip to Chessington World of Adventures in Surrey by a male nurse. The alarm was raised at 2.45pm after Holland absconded from a pub near to the

adventure park after com-

plaining of a stomach ache.

A convicted pacdophile was on the run last night after escaping from a supervised out-ing to a children's adventure

proached.

Eric Sheppard Unit at Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire in May, after he had absconded from a less secure unit, where he was sent in January after being convicted of affray at a pub in Oxfordshire. He was ordered to attend the Unit under Section 37 of the Mental Health Act. Scotland Yard said Holland



The scene of a gas explosion in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, A teepage girl was trapped in the rubble for several hours

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The strains at the top of the Lahour Party were exposed vesterday by the leak of a letter from the deputy leader John Prescott to his Shadow Cabinet colleagues demanding that all important documents are "copied to me at the same time as they are copied to the leader's office".

Prescott feels excluded from office in the last few days,

Labour's inner circle follows a long series of semi-public protests at being subjected to what his predecessor. George Brown, famously called a

complete ignoral In an interview with The Independent two weeks ago Mr Prescott said: "Sometimes policies seem to appear rather quickly. I think this has left the party feeling a little uneasy."

The memo, which was sent The latest evidence that Mr from Mr Prescott's Commons

weather

insisted: "As we enter the next phase of the Road to the Manifesto campaign, and the general election campaign itself, it is especially important that I am kept apprised of all policy

developments." A spokesman for Mr Prescott described it as a "gentle reminder to the Shadow Cabinet of the existing procedure". while Mr Blair's office dismissed reports as a "ridiculous fuss about administrative triv-

ia". But the letter was clearly

intended to assert the deputy

leader's authority. Mr Prescott is known to have been angered - sometimes to the point of talking about resignation - by the failure of Mr

Blair's office to consult him. He was not told in advance of Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a selective school, and was unhappy with Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown's plans to cut benefit for young people who stay on the dole. After Labour back-

helpful New Statesman article, the leak was a further distraction from the launch of Mr Blair's nationwide tour to sell Labour's manifesto. Furthermore, he is engaged

bencher Austin Mitchell's un-

in a desperate arm-twisting exercise in Scotland to avoid a further embarrassment this morning - defeat in a close vote on the ruling Scottish executive over his plans for a two-question referendum on a Scottish Parliament.

Trade unions and party activists in Scotland have been boiling with resentment since the Labour leader's U-turn on

the issue in June "It's on a knife-edge, and we think we've got a majority," Bob Thompson, associate Scottish secretary of the public services union Unison, told The Inde-

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The RMT transport union has called two more 24-hour strikes by guards and on-train catering staff at seven train operators - on 11 and 23 September - and ordered a six-day overtime ban from 16 September to 21 September.

The companies hit by the action will be: CrossCountry Trains; Merseyrail Electrics; Regional Railways North East; North West Regional Railways; North London Railways; ScotRail and South Wales and West Railways, Staff at nine more companies are being balloted on action, with the results due on 12 September Given a statutory seven-day results due on 12 September. Given a statutory seven-day notice period, employees at all 16 companies could walk out on 21 September. Barrie Clement

Two of the 184 hostages released from the hijacked Sudan Airways flight at Stansted Airport on Tuesday have applied to stay in Britain. The Home Office confirmed yesterday that the unnamed pair, understood to be Sudanese, sought leave to remain when they were interviewed by immigration officials this week. It is understood they are claiming political asylum, although the Home Office refused yesterday to specify grounds.

A spokesman said the applications were being considered but that it was likely to be six months before a decision could be made. After that, he said, there was an appeals procedure which could take a further six months. Because they applied for asylum at their port of entry, the couple will be entitled to claim benefits. Steve Boggan

Dritish diplomats in Cambodia were urgently investigating reports that a mines clearance expert kidnapped by Khmer Rouge guerrillas had been killed. A Thai newspaper reported that Christopher Howes, 36, whn was taken last March with two Cambodian colleagues while clearing mines in the Siem Reap province, had been

A Foreign Office spokesman said the report was the most A Foreign Office spokesman said the report was the most serious suggestion yet that Mr Howes was no longer alive. The Bangkok Post, citing an unidentified officer of Pol Pot's introlline faction, reported that Mr Howes, from Bristol, had been killed on Thursday at the headquarters of Khmet Rouge leader Pol Pot in Anlong Veng.

nch caives are being imported to be slaughtered ■ and incinerated for compensation, it emerged yesterday. Under the EU scheme, boosted in the UK to compensate British farmers hit by the BSE scare, French farmers are sharing the £103 payment per calf with British importers and slaughterhouses.

As more 300 live French calves arrived at a slaughter house, the RSPCA described the practice as an "absolute disgrace". The animals arrived on a chartered livestock ship at Southampton and were taken by lorry to an abattoir in Warwickshire. They will not be used for food and will be killed, their carcasses immediately rendered and the remains incinerated.

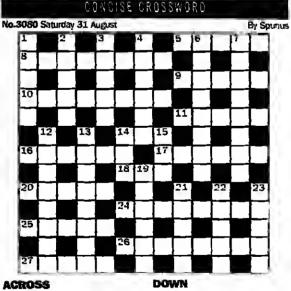
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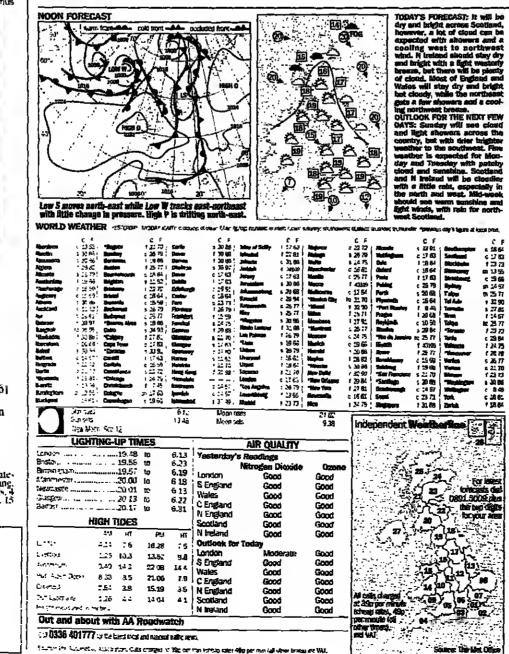
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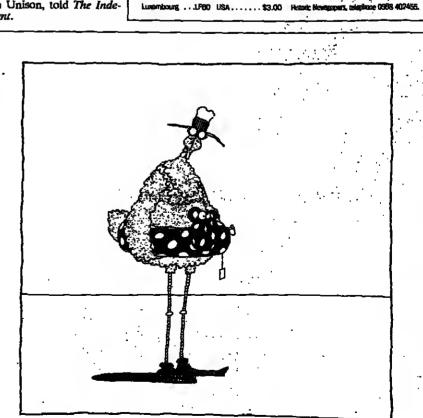
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As an eye injury forces Frank Bruno to retire from the ring, Jack O'Sullivan asks what is the secret of his enduring charm

He didn't have Tyson's power or the eloquence of Ali. His victories were not memorable. So why do people love him so?



Frank Bruno, Britain's favourite

Bruno's puneh was good, calfighter, yesterday ended a career

culated to be equivalent to a which, although unexceptional in boxing history, gave him a world title and turned him into one of the country's most pop-

ular sportsman. He didn't have Mike Tysoo's power and Muhammad Ali's eloquence escaped him. His victories were unmemorable and his defeats were often by secood-raters. Yet, through a combination of wit, charm and considerable bravery, he woo the hearts of millions, even those with little time for the brutalities of the Sweet Science.

The threat of a detached retina in his right eye forced him to hang up his gloves, thwart-ing a planned comeback challeoge to Mike Tysoo. "What is to be is to be," said Bruno. "I've had a good innings. I've ducked and dived." No longer will he have to preteod to be the world's most dangerous boxer. From now oo he is expected to conceotrate oo his other activities as stand-up comic, pan-tomime artist, advertiser of HP Sauce and Britain's most loveable gentle giant

The recurring injury ended a 14-year professional career in which this boxer of questionable ability finally seized the WBC world heavyweight championship on points at his fourth attempt last September, an achievement the great heroes of British boxing, such as Henry Cooper, could not match.

He lost the title again six months later after his second, humiliating drubhing by Tyson.

padded 12lb sledgehammer travelling at 20mph. The trouhle was that Bruno, glass-jawed and too slow around the ring, too rarely connected glove to

The key to his enduring pop-ularity has been his affability.

Whereas many of his contemporaries fail to shake off an aggressive had-man image when outside the ring. Bruno has been the cheeky, chirpy chappie, with a deep Cockney voice, apparently devoid of bloodlust and with a sense of humour

that allowed him to play the part of Juliet in Comic Relief's Shakespearean folly. Bruno's character has sani-

becoming harder to defend. He is the model Nineties man macho, at least in the ring, but a sentimental, sensitive gentle-man out of it, loving his wife, Laura, with whom he has lived for 16 years and his three children. To women he is a sweetheart - protective, hut oot threatening and with an endearing bint of stupidity.

Lennox Lewis, Britain's other heavyweight to take the

WBC title, looks too mean. Ioe Bugner was never forgiven for ending Henry Cooper's career. The way was left open for Bruno to take Our Enry's place tised boxing at a time when it as the nation's brave, hut ultimately unsuccessful loser.

The Bruno image has required careful management, in particular by Laura Bruno, whose toughness in negotiation is said to be the flipside of Frank's easy-going manner. He always wears double-breasted suits of the sort favoured by the and is a church-going Catholic

well-prepared script. His oneliners were in evidence again yesterday. Did he have any plans, he was asked. "Only for the wife in the bedroom this Christmas and my kids in the front room." His catch-phrase, "Know wha' I mean, 'Arry?" -Bruno's chorus in interviews with the veteran BBC commeotator Harry Carpeoter - is

entrenched in the language.

His acceptability to white audiences has led some to accuse him of selling out on the hlack community - his mother came from Jamaica, his father from Dominica. He successfully took legal action against one such allegation. Others point to an extraordinary achievement in making himself a black British hero with no enemies.

So what oow for Bruno? At

Boxing clever: Bruno (left) with the WBC belt; in a production of Aladdin (top right); and joking with Harry Carpenter when the commentator retired 34, he is rich, living in an Essex mansion surrounded by 70 acres near Brentwood. But, as he said yesterday. The old man has to go out and earn some money", mmentating is probably out Bruno's dozeo or so one-liners would not sustain him.

But advertisers see a hig future. "He would look good in a Hamlet ad," said Trevor Beat-tie, of TBWA. "Strength in the

face of adversity, another dis-aster. You could have him getting knocked nut for the 63rd time, but rising above it all. He is the classic British loser. We love them." Jo Tanner, of Saatchi and Saatchi, said: "He'd be great at sending himself up. f see him looking good in a bal-lerina's tutu. Or he could advertise the Harrods sale, talking



The wife-beaters who do not fit the brutal pattern

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The stereotype of the wife heater" as an unemployed, ex-offender who was abused himself when a child is false, according to a new study which also shows that most of the men involved believe they are doing anthing wrong and that relatives and friends are usually aware of the attacks, but do not report them.

More surprisingly all the men had full time or part time jobs. nnly one had a criminal record, and although four said they were heaten at least nace by their parents only one said he was a victim of repeat

Previous research has suggested that poverty and a previous history of violence were very important in predicting which men battered their partners.

Mnre than 430,000 women each year are victims of domestic violence, according to estimates in 1993, and only about one quarter of these are reported to the police. Interviews with wife-beaters

are rare because of the difficulty in getting access to offeoders. But the new research, involoving 23 offenders, was carried out during the past 18 months, as part of a Master of Philosophy degree, by Super-intendent Stephaoie YearnIvneside. Northumbria:

The men were all from Sunderland, and says Superintendent Yearnshire: "They were all people who would be considered regular, everyday

Virtually all of them were intally surprised they were arrested. Their attitude was that it was something private which the police were interfer-ing with."

19 and 51, with about half aged from 20 to 23. Almost all were manual workers and included laxi drivers, scaffulders and

shire, area commander of South labourers. A quarter of the I was surprised I was arrested, men had been violent towards there was nothing vicious their partners in the previous month and four admitted

inflicting weekly violence. Injuries included "broken bones", and nne women ended up in intensive care, but most cases were bruising.

In a small number of incidents the women had retaliated, one attacker being hit on the head with a frying pan and another needing stitches to

Almost all the men thought their behaviour not worthy of arrest. One said: "I nnly slapped her on the back of the head,



Take that: Coronation Street's Jim McDonald beats wife Liz

about it.

Typically they hlamed their partners. One man said: "I didn't think she would take it

"We have had our arguments like everyone else...I don't know if the vinlence will continue, it all depends on her behaviour and attitude." The most cited reasons for

vinlence were jealousy and drink. A third of the couples split up, but had got hack together again. Although most lived in council-rented accommodation, none could be described as

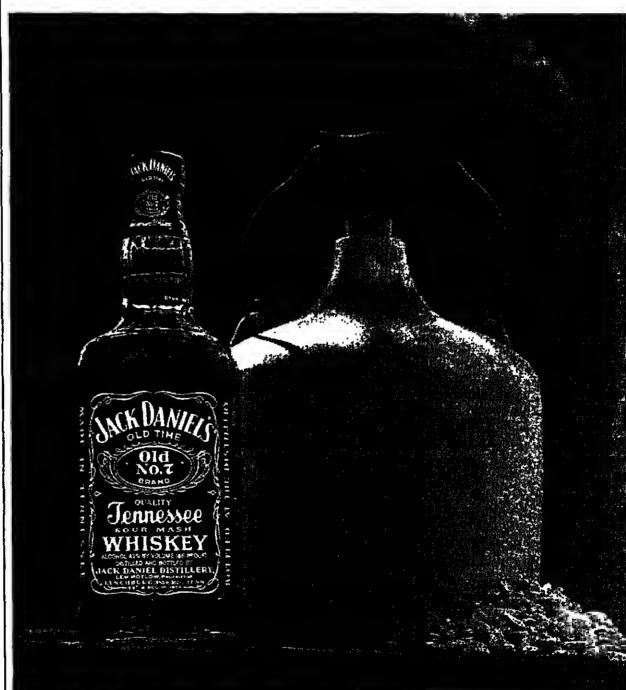
In 70 per cent of the cases the wife or partner called the police, although in more than half the cases parents were aware of violence and in almost a similar oumber friends knew. Supt Yearnshire said: "They

"deprived" housing, said Supt

appear to have adopted the ostrich position" - they stuck their heads in the sand and hoped it would go away." She argued that the police had made great strides in their treatment of domestic violence,

hut called for better treatment

of victims in court. Supt Yearnshire will present her paper on domestic violence in Birmingham on Mooday at the International Police Train-

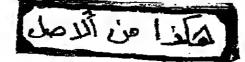


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Price rises lure the gazumpers back

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

House prices this month have returned to their highest level for five years while mortgage lending continued to increase m July, according to new figures yesterday.

Nationwide Building Society yesterday reported a 1.7 per cent jump in average house prices in August, but spokesman Philip Williamson said: "We still feel that any talk of a damaging boom in prices is seriously misplaced." According to the Nationwide, it is a shortage of proporties for sale that accounts for this month's price increase. House prices in some regions remain nearly one-third below their late Eighties peak

The South-east is enjoying the most dramatic gains at the moment, following the pattern of the boom. Estate agents in the region are reporting signs of buyers competing for suitable mid- to high-priced properties.

Mr Williamson said the number of housing transactions "re-

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Adrian Coles, director gen-

eral of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said: "Every sign of im-

Boom echoes: House prices are receiving a boost as buyers compete for too few homes, particularly in the South-east

declined slightly between June and July, according to official figures. Nevertheless, the mood amongst mortgage lenders is optimistic. The Nationwide's house-price index has climbed every month this year.

year-on-year rate of increase to previous July. The number of the 5.4 per cent reported by the Nationwide yesterday.

Separate Bank of England tor of future lending trends, rose to 95,000 from \$8,000 in June.

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is now under way." Economists' views about future prospects for house prices diverge. Simon Briscoe at City bank Nikko Europe predicted that the secovery would entice

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Shortage of good property revives memory of Eighties

STEVEN WOOTTON

Gazumping is back. As house prices pick up, competition for scarce accommodation is intense in several parts of the

Hugh Dunsmore-Hardy, the chief executive of the National Association of Estate Agents, said complaints about gazumping had risen from "a handful over several months to now heing a weekly, almost daily, occurrence," adding that it was "one of the more unpleasant signs of an improving market".

Alan Baxter, corporate manager of Scotland's largest estate agents, Slater Hogg and How-ison, said buyers' frustration at the lack of "quality stock" was leading them to make offers well above asking prices. A de-tached, Victorian four-bedroom house with less than half an acre of land in the village of Gar-tocham sold for £172,000, which was £47,000 above the initial

asking price. In south-west London, Windmill Estates said homes which had been on their books for a year had now started selling quickly, at above the asking price. The greatest demand was for "quality" and relative-ly new properties such as two-

bedroomed flats. Carter Jonas, which has offices all over the country, said that in Huddersfield its office had been "rushed off our feet" in what is traditionally a quiet month.

Homes selling for £140,000 had been snapped up within three days of coming on to the market. Homes that were seiling quickly ranged in price from £25,000 to £425,000.

A spokesman for a major High Street estate-agent firm in the Midlands said a few examples of gazumping were beginning to reappear, although it was not yet anything like as bad as it has been in the past.

"We've seen a few examples occurring but that usually happens when the market picks up again after a slump," he said.

There's a shortage of houses and a great desire to huy. It's family homes that are moving. that's where the demand is right now. The prices are not up to the level they were in the mid-Eighties but they're not far off.

"My own two-hedroomed semi-detached house would now sell for about £57,000. At the height of the boom it was £62,000, but dropped as far as down as £50,000. People are being forced to offer the asking price, or above sometimes.

Ulster's new police chief sets out to rebuild trust



DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

The new Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Ronnic Flanagan, yesterday acknowledged that he faced a ma-jor task in rebuilding relations with the community following a summer in which Northern Ireland "crept right to the edge of the abyss".

Mr Flanagan, 46, currently a deputy chief constable, was yes-

terday appointed as successor to Sir Hugh Annesley, who retires in November. He was chosen from a shortlist that included the RUC's other deputy chief constable, Blair Wallace, and the Commissioner of City of London police, William Taylor.

Unionist leaders immediatewarned Mr Flanagan that RUC morale was low, while nationalists said the force was deeply mistrusted.

Although not well-known in Britain, Mr Flanagan has in recent years become the RUC's most familiar officer in Northern Ireland, frequently appearing on radio and television. His 26 years in the RUC have included terms in charge of its Special Branch and overall responsibility for operations. At present, he is chairman of

the "executive committee", which means he has responsibility for the direction of all police, military and MI5 activity in the province. He holds a BA in public sector studies, an MA in legal and administrative studies, and a certificate in legal administration. At 46, it is expected he will remain at the head of the RUC for many years.

He spoke yesterday of the damage done in the marching season, declaring: "Northern Ireland cannot withstand another summer like this one. The intensity of the violence which our officers withstood was of a scale that I hadn't seen over 25 years. The country ficulty and crept right to the edge pected arson attack.

of the abyss It pulled back and I helieve it will continue to draw back."

He said rehuilding community relations and trust was the force's top priority. He added that the RUC would be "very aggressive" in encouraging Catholics to join, promising they would find an environment in which "they don't have to submerge their religious beliefs in order to feel comfortable or in order to be successful".

Reacting to the appointment, the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, said: "The poor quality of leadership in the recent past has resulted in a serious loss of morale. He would need to rebuild morale within the force."

Democratic Unionist leader, the Rev Ian Paisley, said police morale had "nose-dived" following the Drumcree standoff. He elaimed Mr Flanagan did not have the support of a majority of his officers: "He has got to prove himself. The Unionist population will be keeping a very close scrutiny on what he is doing."

Alex Atwood, of the SDLP,

said the potice were deeply mistrusted by nationalists, and could only establish trust by a purge of "the culture, the nature, the policies and the practices of the RUC". He said Mr Flanagan had shown evidence of edging the RUC forward but would have to take a leap forward.

Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president, said the appointment was irrelevant, asserting that the RUC had no future and should be disbanded. "We need a police service which enjoys the confidence and support of all sections of our people. The RUC cannot achieve that." ■ Large numbers of police will be on duty today when a series of Protestant parades are held across Ulster. Tension increased when the Co Armagh headquarters of the organising body, the Royal Black Preceptory, stared into the face of great dif- was badly damaged by a sus-



BBC: Birt's Break-up Corporation

Mathew Horsman spells out the director-general's radical programmes only strategy

In 10 years, if John Birt gets his way, we will have a BBC shorn of all its production feedling and graph sold facilities and cut back to a core programming operation.
The BBC director-general's

plan is to create, for the next millennium, a "virtual corpo-ration" - a so-called "publisher broadcaster" whose sole purpose is to commission excellent programming.
Virtually every other aspect

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of the broadcasting husiness could be farmed out, either to private companies or to "wholly-owned" BBC subsidiaries providing services to the brain trust at the centre.

The model might be Channel
4. which commissions all its programming from outside producers, and yesterday's con-irmation from Mr Birt that he is, indeed, considering a separate, commercial status for BBC Resources, the giant facilities arm, is only the latest indication of his radical

strategy.

Many within the BBC believe that BBC Production, the newly created programme-making arm, will follow a similar path. The first step would he to rationalise the operation (rumours of as many as 2,000 lost job are rife).

Thereafter, BBC Production might become a commercial subsidiary, free to make programmes not only for the public service hroadcaster, but for step from there to privatisation



is not a giant one. But why, Birt's supporters might argue, should the BBC undertake the huge capital investments necessary to keep pace with tech-

nological change? Shouldn't the corporation concentrate on what viewers want to see on their screens, rather than on the studios, editing suites, cameras and all the

other infrastructure of broadcasting? Signs that the BBC is already moving in this direction came with news that the information technology functions are likely to be put out to tender, perhaps this autumn, thereby saving the BBC

money and removing the internal IT department.
As well, the BBC has already

announced it will privatise BBC Transmission, raising as much as £250m and relinquishing the need to finance a hefty bill for the introduction of digital trans-missions starting in 1998.

Mr Birt denied yesterday there were plans to privatise BBC Resources. But a host of politicians and trade unioo officials are not convinced - no

surprise, perhaps, given the thrust of Birt's changes to date. Why did he separate broad-cast from production? Why consider a commercial trading status for BBC Resources? The

answer must be to take the BBC

closer to his grand vision. Birt will get support for his vision from Sir Christopher Bland, the chairman of the

Board of Governors. The present Government is also likely to accept much of the argument about the future of the BBC. The chief problem may be the

mounting pressures on the licence fee. If the BBC is stripping down to its essence, and farming out much of its activity to the commercial sector, fee from viewers? And if it can make commercial revenues on its own, just how long will the licence fee be tenable?

The BBC is seeking the first real increase in the fee since 1985. But the chances of getting more money, even as the restructuring continues, must be rated as reasonably low.

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BSkyB loses key executive to fifth channel

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

David Elstein, the man known as the "acceptable face" of Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB, yesterday jumped ship to join struggling Channel 5 Broadcasting as its new chief executive. The surprise move was greeted with delight by Channel 5 staff, who see Mr Elstein as one of the most capable men in British broadcasting.

His arrival coincides with increasing financial pressures at the soon-to-be-launch of the fifth channel, where a highstakes campaign to return millions of video recorders up and down the country has got off to

a slow and expensive start. Mr Elstein said: "Channel 5 has assembled a first-class team. who are on track with the tasks facing them." He replaces lan Ritchie, who has agreed to stay

is believed by some colleagues to be likely to leave altogether. Industry sources suggested

last night that teething pains in the retuning exercise, as well as slow progress on marketing and promoting the new channel, had combined to convince the owners to replace the chief executive. The launch is scheduled

for 1 January 1997. Mr Elstein, 51, spent the last

on as chief operating officer, but three and a half years at BSkyB, where he was head of programmes. But his real job, in the eyes of many in the industry, was to present a more human and acceptable face at a time when Mr Murdoch's broadcaster was

> BBC and the cable industry. For the last nine months he has worked without a contract at BSkyB, and rumours that he might soon leave had been rife.

upsetting rivals in ITV, the

made eminent sense to those who know him. "David has always wanted to run a mainstream channel," one said.

Formerly director of pro-grammes of Thames Television, he joined BSkyB in 1993. Channel 5 Broadcasting is backed by United News & Media and Pearson, owners of Thames Television. "In a way David is returning to his roots

Although unexpected, the move at Tharnes," one Channel 5 insider said.

It is believed that BSkyB has drawn up a short list of poten-tial candidates to replace Mr Elstein. Speculation was growing last night, however, that the company may use his departure to engineer a general management shakeup involving fur-ther promotion of Elizabeth Murdoch, the daughter of the company's 40 per cent owner.



David Elstein: Surprise move

Express shake-up puts jobs at risk

MATHEW HORSMAN

Sue Douglas, editor of the Sunday Express, was last night asked to cut short a holiday in Scotland and return to London to discuss the future of the Express titles, which are to uniergo a radical reorganisation.

But the managing director, Stephen Grabiner, denied speculation Ms Douglas was leaving her job, saying we very much hope Sue will be part of what we are planning", and that the Express intended to add several new products, including a weekend magazine.

Ouestion marks over Ms Douglas's future are the first sign of a restructuring inspired by the newspaper's owners. United News & Media, run by Lord Hollick, the Labour peer. The aim of the changes is to cut the £45m editorial budget by up to 15 per cent and to staunch the readership losses

that have dogged the two titles in recent years. Ninety jobs may be in danger, although Mr Grahmer declined to comment. Staff were expecting the introduction of a seven-day op-

eration to provide services such as pictures, sub-editing and layout, leaving two editorial teams to direct the titles. Richard Addis, currently editor of the Daily Express, would become editor-in-chief of the two newspapers, while Mark Palmer, currently number three at the daily, would take on the Sunday

Another option, which some staff insisted was still possible, would see the Daily Express turned into a five-day, rather than six-day newspaper, with a new weekend newspaper published on Saturdays and Sun-

The problems at the Express group date from well before Lord Hollick's MAI, the ITV franchise-holding company, merged with Lord Stevens's United early this year. Several years of low investment and little promotional spending left the titles weak in the battle with the mid-market leaders, the Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday. Staff were yesterday steeling themselves for further job cuts. "Morale is just shite." said one

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Wheels span a century as motor industry passes the 100 mark

Spanning a century of the British motor industry, an 1897 Daimler and a 1990s Jaguar XK8 appeared together yes-terday at the Museum of British Road Transport in Coventry.

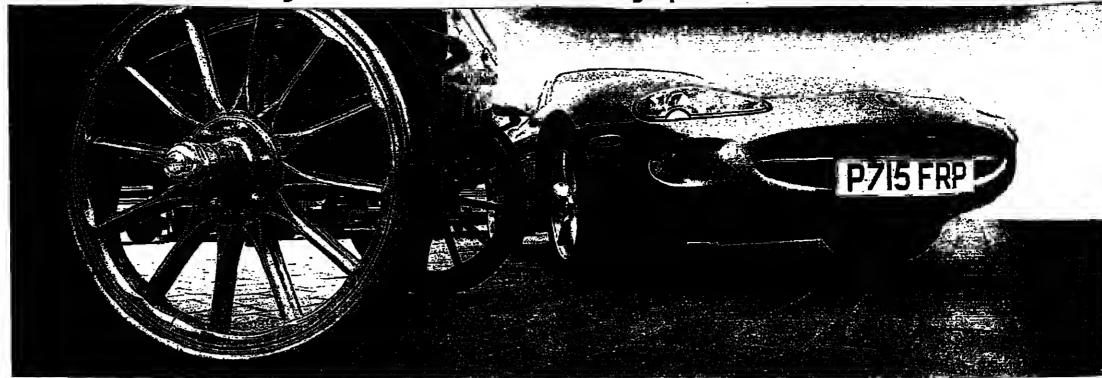
The museum has been bringing its collection of vehicles to a peak of gleaming perfection in preparation for celebrations to mark the centenary of the

industry in this country. More than 190 cars, 75 motorcycles and 200 bicycles are

housed there, providing an evocative chronology of changing technology and styles.

The display includes a 1948 Standard vanguard, a Jaguar E-Type from the 1960s and a Hillman Minx from the 1950s. Visitors to the museum, may, by prior arrangement, sit in a vehicle of their choice.

The collection has grand state cars owned by former members of royalty, including a fairly ordinary-looking red Metro which turns out to have been driven by one Lady Diana



Shining examples: An 1897 Daimler and a 1990s Jaguar XX8 yesterday outside the Museum of British Road Transport in Coventry which is marking the centenary of the motor industry in this country

Girls leave the boys trailing in GCSEs

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

Girls' schools have increased their share of the top positions in this year's league table of leading independent schools' GCSE results. All of the top 10 schools are girls-only, as are

17 out of the top 20. However, the head of the top-of-the-table South Hampstead High School for Girls said yesterday that she was more concerned to hold her pupils back than with pushing them to achieve more.

They were so highly motivated and ambitious that they risked suffering stress. said Jean Scott.

There were seven schools where every single exam entry gained at least a C-grade, all of them girls' schools.

Several girls' schools moved up towards the top of the list. with St Paul's girls rising from 12th place to second, and King Edward VI High School for tant to get in, it's important to Girls rising from 24th to fifth. Meanwhile, some of the most

famous boys' public schools dropped down the list, with Yesterday the Ind. Winchester, 11th last year, falling to 18th place and Eton. 13th last year, falling to 35th

Girls' GCSE scores have been improving faster than those of boys for several years, their male classmates in most

which boys did better than girls

the gap hetween the sexes

appears to be getting wider, with

4.7 per cent more girls gaining A-C grades in 1988, and 8.2 per cent more doing so in 1995. But South Hampstead's Jean Scott said her main concern was trying to reduce the pressures on her pupils rather than increasing them in order to push up exam scores.

Despite an ungoing debate over whether GCSEs are really necessary for pupils who are certain to do well at A-Level, the girls could see that the top university places went to those who had gained straight As in the exam, she said.

"We play it down as hard as we possibly can. We say GCSEs are nothing, it's A-Level, then your first degree, then your second degree that counts. But you can say that as much as you

"I think it's because more and more people are going to university. It's not just impor-

ISIS, which puts out the infor-

year. "By every measure, independent schools have out-In 1995, the only subjects in stripped national performances," said national director were maths and biology. And David Woodhead.

Solicitors promise to get tougher on themselves

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

The Office for the Supervision of Solicitors, the revamped machinery for handling complaints against lawyers, will aim to pro-vide a first response to dissat-isfied clients within 24 hours, its chief pledged yesterday.

Peter Ross, the office's director, said at the launch of the successor body to the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau that he hoped contact could be made within the time-scale by letter. a telephone call or a visit by a local conciliation officer. That promised in an attempt to rid the

organisation of its reputation for delay, hias and toothlessness. The body is effectively drink-have also been deeply critical. ing in the last-chance saloon after the Legal Services Ombudsman warned that if it did not achieve a better level of satisfaction than the bureau it could was one of a series of targets he be just a matter of time before the Law Society loses its com-

Mr Ross, a solicitor and former senior Crown prosecutor, admitted that the size of the task facing him and his staff of 200 was "enormous" and promised to publish performance targets covering delay, responses to satisfied), improvements in hansolicitors' firms, the use of conciliation officers and regular updates on the progress of cases. He warned his own colleagues that "a dissatisfied

adverse comments by the om-budsman (to whom clients can complain if they are still dis-seen, however, whether the retential clients". It remains to be the National Consumer Council said yesterday: "We will be watching the new body very carefully to see if it will be tougher on solicitors.





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	No. of candidates	%A*-C
South Hampstead High School, London	94	100.0
St Paul's Girls' School, London	88	100.0
Old Palace School of John Whitgift, Croyd	ton 85	100.0
Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe	81	100.0
King Edward VI Girls' High, Birmingham	77	100.0
Withington Girls School, Manchester	74	100.0
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Putney High School, London	81	99.9
St Helen's School, Northwood	81	99.9
Conford High School	79	99.9
Haberdashers' Aske's, Borehamwood	163	99.8
North London Collegiate School, Edgward	103	99.8
St Cathenne's School, Guildford	74	99.8
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Loughborough High School	71	99.8
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Nottingham High School for Girls	115	99.6
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St Martin's, Solihuli	138	99.5
Sevenoaks School	130	99.5
King Edward's School. Birmingham	88	99.5
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The Leicester Haymarket Theatre is to stage the first Asian community play at a leading city-centre theatre following Arts Council concern that cities with large Asian communities are not attracting them into theatres.

But Asian audiences going to the production at the end of oext month will find that it challenges key aspects of their cul-ture, most notably the treatment of girls.

The play, The Pandavas in

Leicester, staged by a local amateur cast, all of Asian origin, will explore how boys and girls are treated differently in Asian families, how boys are allowed to stay out late while girls are not, and will be critical that arranged marriages are still commonplace. There is even an instruction in the play, written and devised by local people, to commit a female infanticide as an exaggerated metaphor of

how the sexes are viewed. Employing a full range of dance, colour and physical theatre, it depicts famous characters from an Asian epic - wife, warrior, wise man, and soothsayer - as they look into the future. Thousands of years later, people's hopes and fears, dreams and desires have changed - and yet basically

they remain the same. David Tse, a resident director at the theatre, said vesterday: "We are exploring things that will challenge the Asian community, and this may well come as a shock to some of the older people from the community in the audicoce."

In Leicester. 26 per cent of the population are of Asian origin: but, according to Mr Tse. they tend to go largely to events in their mother tongue, usually involving song and dance, "almost things that you would see in India". The Arts Council move aims

to attract them to city-centre theatres to see productions staged in English. The Asian Theatre Initiative at the theatre is partly funded by the Arts Council, and has

also received £10,000 from

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Leicester, said: "This particular project reflects the community which we trade."

Isobel Hawson, drama officer at the Arts Council, said the organisation wanted to see the Leicester Haymarket become a centre of excellence for Asian theatre and be recognised nationally as such. She said the council originally intended that a oew regional black theatre be set up, but research showed it would he better to use an existing regional theatre and foster closer links with the local community.

The Arts Council oow intends that the Leicester Haymarket will increase the profile of Asian theatre and develop audiences, and become a ceotre for the training of Asian actors

Money will also he ploughed in via the Arts Council's "regional hlack theatre initiative" so that the theatre can commission and create major productions aimed at increasing new hlack theatre projects in Corlett, the store's manager in Nottingham and Leeds.

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Music as therapy: A hospital patient, Christopher Isherwood, aged nine, playing the Celtic harp in a children's ward at Airedale General, Keighley, West Yorkshire, watched by the harpist Fiona-Katie Roberts. In the US, many hospitals employ a harpist to help patients relax

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Branagh's prince Kenneth Branagh's film of Hamlet does not open until Artspeople next year, but I had an exclusive peek at the rushes this week. and pretty impressive they were. A moustachioed Branagh, who both directs the film and plays

the boy himself, sets it in the 19th century, with opulent costumes and scenery. I found his performance particularly moving, and his scenes with Kate Winslet's Ophelia electric. With an eye on the American box office, John Gielgud, Derek

Jacobi, Sir Richard Attenborough, Julie Christie and Kate Winslet are joined in the cast by Charlton Heston. Robin Williams and Jack Lemmon. though Lemmon's drawl of There is something rawten io the state of Denmark" jars

slightly.
The film should see a return of that much-missed cinematic event, the iotermissioo, for Branagh is refusing to countenance any cuts in the text which could mean a four-hour movie. The full-length version is "a complete entertainment", says Ken defiantly.

The master of ceremonies at the Esquire/Apple/Waterstone's Non-Fiction Award next mooth might have to he on guard against confusing his Healys when he announces the winner. Two of the seven finalists are called Healy - Dermot, author of The Bend For Home.

and Thomas, author of .4 Huning Business. On the other hand, if a Healy does win and the MC is suitably sadistie he could just announce

the winner as Mr Healy, and let

the two of them fight their way

ow do you ensure an upturn in ticket sales in the West End? Announce that the show is closing. Since producers Robert Stigwood, Paul Nicholas and David Ian said that Grease was to close, the production has been sold out and will now "close" at the Dominion Theatre, only to reopen at the Cambridge Theatre just down

Writers reveal another side

Dartington Hall in Devon is a magical place, a picture-book enclave of medieval buildings sel in acres of famous gardens casually studded with the odd Henry Moore. Even the most stressed-out city visitor succumbs in minutes to its

peace and well-being.

The atmosphere is familiar and collegiate, the audiences discriminating and informed. They expect a lot, and they

This week, around 100 writers are here - speaking about anything from autobiography to rock music, comedy to crime — and more will arrive today and tomorrow. Nicholas Evans, author of

The Horse Whisperer, gave a surprisingly emotional account of the making of his international bestseller. Evans told how he had made a personal odyssey to Montana where he found he identified not with the whisperer" but with the horse.

"Gee, he s just forgotten how to be a horse," was the ancieot therapist's diagnosis of his recalcitrant four-legged patient. Evans himself, it seems, felt that in the process of making his book he had "rediscovered how

to be a person. Talking about Augustus John, as well as his other hirsute subjects, Michael Holroyd pro-

Jan Dalley reports from the Ways With Words literary festival at Dartington

duced a fine range of beard jokes as he recounted the mis-adventures of a young hiogra-pher caught in the machinations of an eccentric Bohemian clan.

Carolyn John, granddaughter and, as she put it, survivor, shared the platform with him. Other biographers described the process of trying to impose orderly prose on disorderly lives — Miranda Sevmour on the flamboyant Ottoline Morrell. Ray Monk on

Bertrand Russell. One of the undisputed highpoints has been Russian dissident poet Irina Ratushinskava. whose shining courage brought the audience to its feet in homage. She may be the only writer who caused a longer queue in the bookshop than in

This year's Ways With Words literary festival is the first to be organised in association with The Independent and Indepen-dent on Sunday, and ticket sales of h.500 are a 30 per cent increase on last year. The festival continues today and

Upbeat Clinton sets sail on tide of optimism

RUPERT CORNWELL Chicago

Shrugging off the scandal which forced out a top aide, and proclaiming to a delirious convention that "hope was hack in America". President Bill Clinton headed off for a bus trip through key swing states - kicking off a final nine weeks of allout campaigning for a second term in the White House.

Let us go out to the American people with confidence, hope and honest humility" at the challenges ahead, Mr Clinton told party workers as he left Chicago yesterday. "We are on the right track, we're going to do it together." But he warned against any complacency at his hig lead in the polls. "It's not over till it's over, this contest is only starting.

By his often dazzling standards on the podium, the President's acceptance speech the previ-ous evening was solid but not spectacular - a hlend of lofty language and modest proposals centred on help with higher education fees, aid for families with children and home-sellers, and \$3.4bn of tax breaks for employers who take on workers

previously on welfare. Arguing in so many words that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", Mr Clinton listed his century?", Mr Clinton asked, achievements and presented himself as the man of the future. "We do not need a bridge to the past," the President said, implicitly underlining the generation gap with his 73-year-old Republican challenger Boh

Dole. He drew together his themes of family, diversity, and opportunity into a vision of a "strong, united American com-munity" as the country advanced into the new millennium.

The shadow, of course, is the Dick Morris affair - inconsequential in itself but reminding voters of the sleaze and "character doubts which have dogged Mr Clinton throughout his presidency. It also obscured what otherwise would have been a convention-week propaganda coup: news that GDP surged 4.8 per cent in the second quarter, the strongest growth since early 1994 and which makes a mockery of Mr Dole's central assertion that the cconomy is so weak that only a massive tax cut can revive it.

The Republican candidate's "risky" \$550bn scheme would simply bring higher interest rates and higher debt, and ultimately send the economy back into recession. Why "het the country" on the failed policies of the 1980s? "Do we want to weaken the hridge to the 21st using a metaphor that featured a dozen times in his hour-long address. "No," came an answering roar from delegates in the United Center sports arena. Earlier though, those same delegates had been stunned

and appalled as word spread of the disgrace of a man who until his shotgun resignation that morning had been the President's chief political adviser, and prime mover behind the centrist strategy that has lifted him to a commanding lead over Mr Dole.

On Thursday evening, Mr. Clinton did not refer directly to Mr Morris, urging only a "campaign of ideas, not a campaign of insults". His advisers are gambling that the scandal around Mr Morris's alleged liaison with a prostitute will leave the President unscathed, and that his rousing speech will exorcise old demons of scandal.

For the moment the polls sug-

gests they are right: Surveys yes-terday put the President ahead by 13 to 17 points even hefore his speech, a margin that would translate into an election landslide. Trailing as they are, however, the Republicans will probably be unable to resist the temptation to revive the Clintun "character" question. "It says something about who you surround yourself with," Mr Dole drily commented, referring to "14 or 15" former aides who had already left the White

House under a cloud. The bus trip, on which Vice-President Al Gore will accompany Mr Clinton, is a reprise of the hugely successful device after the 1992 convention. It takes them through Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee, all closely contested border states which the Democrats would love to carry on 5 November, Chicago soap opera, page 15



Dance of triumph: Hillary Clinton (far right) leading the macararena at the end of the Democratic National Convention at the United Center in Chicago Photograph: AP

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Aunited States envoy flew into Sarajevo vesterday to Adrive a stake through the heart of Bosnia's breakaway Croat mini-state, clearing the way for the Muslim-Croat federation, brokered by Washington in 1994.

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The US Assistant Secretary of State, John Karublum, returned to the Bosnian capital for talks with Muslim and Croat leaders to ensure an end to the hreaking Herreg Bosna before the month is out. "We expect Herceg Bosna to go up in a puff of smoke by midnight on Saturday at the latest," an unnamed US source said, adding: "There will be some tough meetings ... to get over the last bit of difficult ground." Reuter ~ Sarajevo

Afraud charge has been brought against the daughter-connection with the multi-billion dollar failure of Banco Nacional, Brazilian federal police said.

The police charged Ana Lucia Magalhaes Pinto, the former vice-president of Banco Nacional's council, with fraudulent management and irregularities in the bank's balance sheet, which reported false information. a spokeswoman said. The charges against Pinto, who is married to Cardoso's son Paulo Henrique, have not damaged the President's standing so far. A governmentsponsored poll published on Thursday showed Cardoso would be re-elected with 41 per cent of the vote if a general election were held at this time. Reuter - Rio de Janeiro

The deadly 0-157 bacteria, responsible for a food-poisoning epidemic in Japan which has killed 11 people, has been found in a sample of imported US beef intestine,

the Japanese ministry of health said. A ministry official added, however, that the finding would not prompt any new restrictions on Japan's imports of US beef, noting that imported beef intestines are heat-treated before distribution to the market and this destroys the killer germ. The US embassy said in a statement that the shipment from which the sample was taken had not been distributed for sale in Japan. Reuter - Tokyo

National service has been given its marching orders by the Dutch government, ending a 187-year tradition that in recent years had foisted long-haired conscripts on a conservative military machine.

The Defence Minister Joris Voorhoeve said conscription no longer fitted with the army's post-Cold War role in a world where peace-keeping had taken over from combat. The Netherlands joins France, Russia, Argentina and South Africa which have all ended conscription in the past three years. Reuter - Amsterdam

ab tests on material collected in Atlanta by the FB1 after the Olympic bombing are almost complete, and the bureau is shifting its focus to video and photos taken at Centennial Olympic Park by ordinary citizens, a senior federal law enforcement official said. Federal investigators are studying more than 200 rolls of videotape and still photographs taken at the park near the time of the 27 July bombing, the official said. AP - Washington

Danish State Railways is distributing dark socks to its 20,000 employees, following complaints from passengers about their white ones, the daily *Politiken* reported on its front page. Travellers have grumhled that too many rail employees wear thick, white-cotton socks which do not match their dark-hive uniforms. Company bosses were expected to report white-sock wearers, the newspaper said, had gave no details of possible sanctions. Many Danes wear the socks, originally sold as sportswear, with all sorts of attire, including evening suits. AP - Copenhagen

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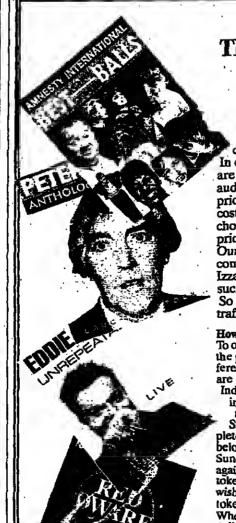
Moscow judge killed

Moscow (AP) — A peddler a first-aid centre after the stabbed to death the Moscow municipal judge yesterday, the day after she ordered his agency said. Her attacker was goods confiscated, and fined identified as Valery Ivankov; him the equivalent of £4.50, he was arrested at the scene when he appeared before her and charged with murder. on a minor charge.

old daughter, hled to death at judicial personnel.

Russian television said that Judge Olga Lavrentyeva, Lavrentyeva's colleagues were the mother of a three-year-calling for better security for

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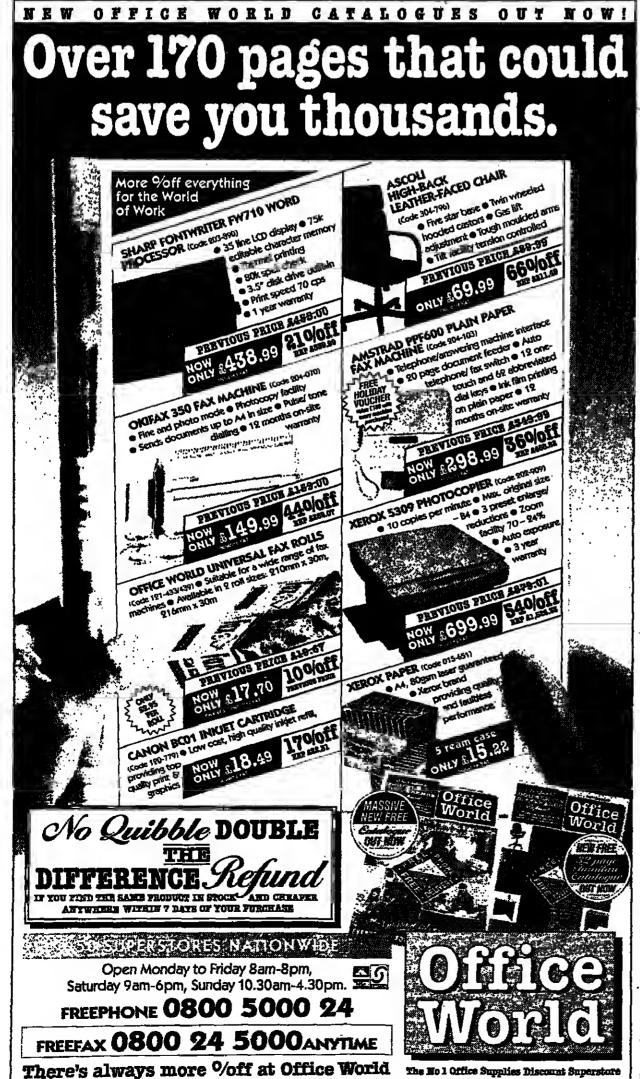
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Pretoria to put troops into 'crime jungle'

Units from the South African Army and Air Force, under the command of two veterans of the war in Angola, and 1,000 extra police have been called into Johannesburg to spearhead an anti-crime drive that will adopt the level of crime. The announcement "the principles of warfare".

One of the men leading Op-eration Anvil will be Colonel Buks Pieterse, formerly second in command of the notorious and now disbanded 32 Battalion, which earned a vicious reputation as part of South Africa's military force in the Angolan civil war. The other, Colonel Theunis du Toit, was head of the South African air operation in Angola.

Bush-warfare methods would be employed against criminals "in the Johannesburg jungle", said Col Pieterse, now a senior

staff officer. Johannesburg has the high-est murder rate in the world and it is rising. A Police Service spokeswoman said the level of car hijackings and murders, including the killing of police of-ficers, demanded drastic measures". The Defence Force and the police have already joined forces to tackle political violence in the run-up to elec-tions in KwaZulu-Natal. The new joint operation is already in evidence in Johannesburg and the surrounding Gauteng province, with a rash of spot roadblocks and searches. Heli-

respond quickly to incidents, particularly car hijacks.

The police spokeswoman said joint operations had pro-duced good results in Kwa-Zulu-Natal and it was hoped that could be repeated. "Being much more visible should affect

The announcement of the initiative follows the death this week of Eliakim "Pro" Khumalo, a 1970s soccer star and father of the South African international "Doctor" Khumalo, during a car hijack outside his home in Soweto.

Earlier, a German businessman, Erich Elimer, was shot dead in his driveway by car hijackers. Such high-profile cases have increased pressure on politicians to curb the crime wave, in which Johannesburg is among the worst-hit areas.

The involvement of the military will please some of the critics who say politicians are doing too little to tackle crime.

For them, the police are part of the problem. The National Police Commissioner, George Fivaz, has admitted that corruption is widespread.

This week a policeman was shot while allegedly robbing a shopping centre and the head of a car-theft unit was held in connection with stolen vehicles. They are the latest in a long list of cases in which those charged with upholding the law have been caught breaking it.

It is widely acknowledged that some officers are in the pay copters are being deployed to of crime syndicates operating allow small crack police units to throughout the country.

Church outcry as Poles reform abortion law

Central Europe Correspondent

The Polish Parliament yesterday overturned one of the strictest anti-abortion laws in Europe, in a move swiftly condemned by the country's powerful Roman Catholic Church.

The driving forces behind the change were the country's ruling former Communists and a variety of women's groups who argued that the law, passed in 1993, had forced tens of thousands of Polish women to turn to backstreet abortions.

Under the new law, women will be able to have abortions up to the 12th week of pregnancy . Church leaders described the vote as a "tragic decision".

The abortion debate bas raged in Poland ever since the overthrow of Communism in 1989, serving as a useful barometer of the Church's influence over Polish society.

As almost everywhere else in the former Eastern bloc, abortion was available on demand in Poland for most of the Communist era, but, after intense pressure from the Church, tough new anti-abortion legislation was finally passed in 1993 by a centre-right coalition containing pro-

Catholic, pro-Lifeparties. Under the terms of the current law, abortions in Poland pregnancy results from rape or incest, if the life or health of the

mother is judged to be at risk or if the foetus is irreparably damaged. Doctors caught transgressing the regulations are liable to two years' jail.

In addition to sparking a surge in backstreet abortions. the 1993 law snawned a new phenomenon in Poland -'gynaecological tours" to neighbouring countries such as Belarus and the Ukraine where pregnancies can be terminated with no ouestions asked. More sinisterly, it led to an increase in the number of unwanted babies being abandoned. Condemning what many of its

members saw as a return to some form of medieval clericalism, the SLD wasted no time in signalling its intention to reintroduce a liberal abortion law after its 1993 election success - although its passage through Parliament was repeatedly vetoed by former Presdent Lech Walesa, a devout

Catholic and a father-of-eight. On the other hand, Mr Walesa's successor, Aleksander Kwasniewski, himself a former Communist, has already made clear his support for the liberalised law, which should now come into force later this year.

But the story is unlikely to rest there. Wilhin minutes of yesterday's vote. right-of-centre parties, now grouping around the Solidarity trade union, said they would seek to reverse the changes should they win next year's parliamentary elections.



Police trying to move squatters from Alexandra township, Johannesburg, fire rubber buliets

Former minister expelled from ANC

Cape Town (Renter) — The ANC expelled the former deputy minister Bantu omisa for accusing the party of corruption, a statement from the office of Cyril Ramaphosa, the party secretary, said yesterday. President Nelson Mandela dismissed Mr Holomisa as deputy minister of environmental affairs and tourism with effect from 1 August after he accused a fellow minister of taking a bribe.

After his dismissal Mr Holomisa said that the casinos tycoon Sol Kerzner had contributed to the ANC and made allegations against leading par-ty figures, including Deputy President Thabo Mbeki.

A spokesman for the ANC branded him a liar for the funding claim but Mr Mandela acknowledged a few days later that Mr Kerzner had in fact given the ANC R2m (£293,000) - but said that the president had been the only one who knew about it.





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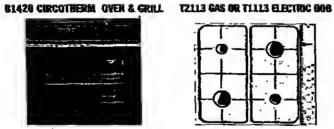
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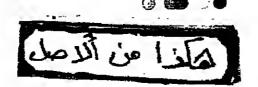
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New China hits the buffers of reality



TERESA POOLE

Peking - From a distance, it looks as if a three-tiered Chinese pagoda is floating high on the polluted haze of the Peking skyline. But as one draws nearer, the classical roofs and red pillars gradually reveal their place on ton of a towering archway. the focal point for a building which has flung its arms east and west with such lack of constraint that it is now balf a mile long. Not since Chairman Mao constructed the Great Hall of the People in the late Fifties has Chinese architectural ambition grasped its territory as audaciously as the new Peking West Railway Station.

Here is a palace fit for the trains of emperors, except that any sense of classical Chinese proportion was lnng ago abandoned. Opened in January, the 5bn yuan (£400m) station is more than 300 feet high, covers 580,000 square yards, and is floored in marble, Golden Chinese characters are mounted on the archway, giant replicas of President Jiang Zemin's inscription of the station's name.

A workforce of 20,000 built this colossus in three years and China claims it is the biggest railway station in Asia, But what the country needs is more trains. In a sharp reminder of the reality hehind this folie de grandeur, Peking West has only six platforms and fewer than 30 train departures a day.

On a hot August noon, the wailing rooms inside are overflowing, while hundreds more passengers lie outside, sprawled in the shadow cast by the huge facade. These are the lucky ones, the ones with tickets, because even the railway ministry admits it can meet only twothirds of present demand.



Making tracks: Holidaymakers queuing in Peking in the hope of getting a train home at the New Year

Photograph: South China Moming Post

companions are sitting among a heap of canvas bags and plastic-wrapped bedding quilts opposite the main station entrance, seemingly unsure whether they are part of the problem or the solution. There are 15 youths in the group, all between the ages of 20 and 22, dressed in oversized acrylic suit trousers and open cotton shirts.

They are newly graduated from the Number 13 Railway Vocational School in Changchun, north-east China, skilled in the repair of railway-construction equipment. After a 14hour trip from Changchun to Peking, the lads are waiting for the evening, when they will Liu Cheng and his travelling take a 26-hour train to Chang-

sha city, in southern Hunan province, a total journey of 1.700 miles. They are on their way to their first jobs, and most are leaving home for the first time. "I will miss my parents." said Liu, rather forlornly.

Liu and his team bave been assigned to a track-expansion project near Changsha. The bottleneck on the railways has become so serious for both passengers and goods that Peking plans to spend £26bn over the next five years laying 6,250 miles of track and buying rolling stock.

Liu's task is urgent, because China's rail gridlock has become one of the most extreme exthe insatiable demands of New China run headlong into the limited resources of Old China. The mystery is how this planned expansion will be paid for.

The state railway are a lossmaking enterprise in the best traditions of a command economy. With 3,370,000 workers. the it employs more people than the population of Singapore, and still provides the schools, medical clinics and housing compounds to which its staff have grown accustomed. Starting salaries for Liu and

his friends are £25 a month or so, but they believe the railways will be a reliable employer. "I heard that the railway under amples of what happens when normal conditions will guaran-

tee to pay a salary every month," said Wang Youxiang, who adds that he has brought a photo album of his family to fend off bomesickness.

Railways in China did not have an auspicious start: the first stretch was built near Shanghai and bought by the governor in 1877 so that he could tear it out. A century ago, China had 370 miles of track, compared to Britain's 21,000 miles. The Qing dynasty rulers did not become railway enthusiasts until they realised its virtues for troop deployment. Since then, and especially after the Communist victory in 1949, expansion of the railways across China has been

a prime means for Peking to ex-

tend its central control.

Apart from the chaotic years of the early Cultural Revolution, travel around China under Communism was strictly regulated. Without permission from one's "work unit", buying a train ticket could be impossible, until the era of reform dawned in the early Eighties.

In the years since then, freedom to travel has been greedily seized by China's people. And in a developing country this size, most of those journeys must be done by train, often on bone-numbingly hard wooden benches for days at a time.

In 1987, the annual tide of "floating population" started to swell, as unemployed farmers

headed for new jobs in the cities and thriving coastal re-gions. These days. China's rail-way system has to support the world's biggest voluntary inter-nal migration during the New Year crush, when most of the 90 million migrant workers head home for their annual boli-

Li Zhumin, 23 years old and weather-beaten by her job selling fruit in Peking's outer counties, sits on a newspaper on the floor of Peking West sur-rounded by boxes of presents for her family in Xinyang, in Henan province.

It is her annual visit home, and the 10-hour trip costs just 63 yuan by hard seat. "Not comfortable," she laughs. Like airlines around the world, Peking West is now charging excess baggage for more than 20kg of luggage in an attempt to persuade travellers to curtail their ambitious packing.
It is not only workers who are

squeezing into tightly packed carriages. The introduction of permanent two-day weekends just over a year ago, and the pro-vision of paid holiday by foreign-invested companies, has prompted a craze for sightseeing trips by Chinese within

their own country.
On Platform 2, the Erwuti family emerge cautiously after China's longest train journey, a 2,400-mile, three-day voyage from Urumqi, in Western Xin-jiang province, to Peking. They are Uighur Muslims on a twoweek holiday, and will journey on to Beidaihe, China's most famous seaside resort, where the masses and the leaders sunbathe on carefully segregated beach-es. A sack of Xinjiang melons and boxes of raisins are balanced carefully on their huggage trolley.

As the Erwuti family struggles through the bowels of the Level Two Basement arrivals hall. Peking West is already showing the strain of being a patriotic trophy. Just two months after its inauguration, large cracks start-ed opening up in the under-ground levels. This week, after heavy rains, piles of sawdust, were dotted about in the main atrium to collect water leaking through the ceiling. The station may have been planned as a grandiose symbol of New China, but it has already been necessary to summon a familiar

pairman. This is the latest in a summe series on railways of the world.

figure from Old China: the re-

Apathy kills Arafat's mosque protest

MARK DENNIS jerusalem

An anticipated massive Palestinian protest yesterday at Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque failed to materialise, thanks to a combination of increased Israeli military depkryment and

Palestinian apathy.

However, the absence of confrontation did little to defuse a growing crisis between Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, and Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, which threatens to undermine the already stricken

peace process.

Israeli and Palestinian authorities had expected nearly 100,000 worshippers to descend on the mosque after Mr Arafat called for a massive printest against Mr Netanyahu's hardline policies. Only 10,000 to 20,000 came, less than a normal turnout for Friday prayers at the

mosque.
While the bolstered military presence at Israeli checkpoints inging Jerusalem blocked



Netanyahu: No progress in

many Palestinians from entering the city, the small turnout also underscores how thoroughly disenchanted ordinary Palestinians have become both with the peace process and with Mr Arafat's performance.

The failed protest highlights the difficulty that Mr Arafat has in motivating the Palestinians, who have seen their standard of living decline dramatically, mostly due to the extended and Gaza, since the signing of the Oslo peace accord three years ago. Critics have accused Mr Arafat's government of cor-ruption and human-rights abuses and as serving as little more than a security proxy for Israel in controlling the population of the West Bank and Gaza.

Mr Arafat called for the

demonstration on Wednesday at a meeting of the Palestinian Legislative Council, where he said recent moves by the Netanyahu government meant they had "declared war" against the Palestinian people. He hlasted Israeli attempts to expand Jewish settlements on the Bank and to consolidate control of Arab East Jerusalem, comhined with its continued foot-

dragging on the peace process. The call came as part of a reated exchange between the Arafat and Netanyahu camps over the past week. Mr Arafat became incensed when Israel bulldozed a Palestinian centre for the disabled in East Jerusalem, which officials said was built illegally, and released plans for building in at least one West Bank settlement.

In the wake of the failed protest, the Palestinian authority released a statement saying the Netanyahu govern-ment was "determined to blow the peace process". It warned that if Israel continues with its present policies, it will push the area towards violence. While Arafat remains defiant.

he has sent mixed messages by continuing talks with Israel. Mahmoud Abas and Dore Gold, deputies to Mr Arafat and Mr Netanyahu, met late Thurs-day, although a spokesman said no progress was made. In addition, an Israeli-Palestinian steering committee, which will supervise implementation of the Oslo Accord, is due to start

Mr Velvet smooths the upward path of Lebed

PHIL REEVES

In English, his name translates as "Mr Velvet" and it suits him. There are few government of-ficials in the world, let aloue in Russia, who are as smooth and affable as Alexander Barkhatov. And there are even fewer who have a more exacting task on

Not long ago the scene in his office would have been unimaginable to any journalist who has tried to crack the shell of secrecy that still encases much of the Russian state. Telephones were ringing non-stop. Press releases, cuttings, faxes lay on the ta-bles. A computer flickered on a

desk, disgorging the latest news. True, these cramped quarters, not far from the Kremlin, could hardly be compared with the plush premises of a Saatchi & Saatchi, even though Mr Barkhatov works for an outfit most leading press consultants would give their right arm to sign up. Yet the mere existence of this hive of activity marks an astonishing departure from the

His boss - or, as Mr Barkhatov puts it, his "client" - is Alexander Lebed, chief of Russia's Security Council. With his bleeper on his hip, and his charm at the ready, the PR man is the chief storm-trooper in Mr Lebed's publicity campaign to establish a power hase. Perhaps more remarkably,

retired general with a penchant for soundbites, used to call him-self "an iron fist"; Mr Barkha-

tov is his velvet glove. In the past few weeks, he has been in over-drive. Mr Lebed's rapid ascent has stirred up jealousies within the Kremlin among rivals who fear he is on a fast track to the presidency. His peace mission to Chechnya, though popular with the public bas infuriated senior officials within the military and the Interior Ministry

Even Boris Yeltsin, his mentor, refused to interrupt his: ed his old chum Helmut Kohl to Russia next month. With around, Mr Barkhatov has been using one of the few weapons at Mr Lebed's disposal to ensure his survival - the media.

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"holiday" to see the general, al-though the President has invitthe knives sharpening all Yesterday the Prime Minister.

Viktor Chernomyrdin - who earlier said his peace plan "needed a lot more work" - announced that the President had finally approved it. Mr Lebed was in the southern Russian reublic of Dagestan for a meeting with the Chechen rebel chief-of-staff, Asian Maskhadov, where be hoped to sign a state-When prominent liberal de-

mocrats, including the former prime minister Yegor Gaidar, called an anti-war rally in Moscow to support his peace efthing but democrats, his office sent out an acid statement by the general. The organisers were people "hitherto unno-ticed in my circle of friends ... I sincerely declare I have never had the honour ever to require their aid, and hope to do

If his client is unusual, so, too, is the organisation behind them both. Since its founding in 1992, the Security Council has re-mained mostly concealed from the public gaze, maintaining the same air of secrecy as the previous occupants of Mr Barkhatov's office - the Central Committee

of the Communist Party.

Mr Lebed intends to transform the council into a powerful tool with which be wants to overhaul government. Mr Barkhatov vaguely describes it as both a "connecting link" between government structures, and a body which has "overall control" of them. But, as a former TV journalist, be supports the idea of more openness.

"I don't want all information just to come out of the press centre," he said, "When there are journalists who write about the economy, I will send them to those people [in the council] who understand the economy. I know that, as a journalist, you

need an original source."
Journalists will, of course, believe this when they see it. Asked to throw light on Mr Yeltsin's snubbing of Mr Lebed, Mr Velvet smoothly replied: "As a journalist, I could tell you a lot.

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At its first meeting since the summer break, the Belgian cabinet agreed on tougher controls

missing girls in Belgium's child ing three years of a 13-year sensex scandal found "hot spots" tence for raping five children.
A gendarmerie spokesman, in two houses owned by the chief suspect, Marc Dutroux, a convicted paedophile rapist.

Jean-Marie Boudin, said in the Charleroi suburb of Jumet that And a detective arrested on investigators using British-made radar-imaging equipment had found two "hot spots" in one Sunday in connection with the investigations was formally house and one in another. "Now we are using only the British apparatus in the cellar of the Jumet house. Up to now this apon the early release from jail of paratus has indicated two places sex offenders. Dutroux, an unof interest in the cellar." The

Last night exhausted police suspended their searches until Monday. South of Charleroi, in Neufchateau, the nerve-centre of the investigations, magistrates confirmed charges of vehicle theft, insurance fraud and forgery against chief police detective Georges Zicot. Dutroux has been linked to organised vehicle theft and police are investigating the child sex and theft ring together.

Belgian police are going to

Bratislava and Prague to search for missing Belgian children. Dutroux has been named in Bratislava as a suspect in the murder of a young Slovak woman. Interpol said he was also believed to have planned the kidnapping of at least one other Slovak woman. A spokesman for the Belgian gendarmerie's special disappearances squad said they were also likely to contact colleagues in Austria investigating what seemed to be a "child-for-hire" network across central Europe.

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yesterday in the hunt for leftist guerrillas of the so-

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In communiques they left

behind, they called for the over-

throw of the government of the

Institutional Revolutionary Par-

ty (PRI), which has ruled Mex-

ico since 1929, and said they

would oever negotiate with a

Although President Ernesto Zedillo, who is due to give his

annual Informe (State of the

Nation address) to Congress

tomorrow, continued to play

down the attacks as "isolated

incidents," the feeling of

shock throughout Mexico was tangible. The Stock Market took its sixth-worst fall of the

year after the attacks and the

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Mexican troops, navy marines ment aimed at calming the markets, saying Mexico would continue paying its foreign debts despite calls by the guerrillas to default

The country's business leaders called for tough action to root out the rebels, saying the attacks could badly affect tourism and add to the unemployment problem. "The government should not fight these people with holy water," the statement said.

official buildings in six states during the night of Wednesday to Thursday, leaving 15 people The attacks, far more widespread and organised than those by Mayan Indian rebels of the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) in the state of Chiapas in 1994, indi-cated for the first time that leftwing guerrillas from various groups had linked up through much, eveo most, of povertystricken central and southern

> The Zapatistas caught secu-rity forces off guard on New Year's night 1994, taking five Chiapas towns for a day or two before fleeing back to the La-candoo jungle and eventually entering into peace talks. The EPR struck in six states, hundreds of miles apart, at more or less the same time, showing or-

brink of revolution hut the attacks were serious ecough for some Mexicans to at least recall the bloody revolution of

> "We are not in a state of revolution," said the country's husiness leaders in their statement. "There is nothing to be gained by saying that we are not in a situation like 1910," responded a somewhat cryptic front-page editorial io yester-day's evening edition of the hig daily Excelsion.

> With a growing sentiment that Mr Zedillos's free-market economic policies are simply widening the gap between Mexico's rich and poor, the emergence of a widely operating leftist guerrilla group could be the biggest challenge the once all-powerful PRI has ever

Worrying many was the fact that the EPR's communiques expressed support for a movement called El Barson (The Yoke), a group of perhaps hun-dreds of thousands of middleclass Mexicans who have been protesting for more than a year over the government's eco-

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(EPR) in Tiaslaco; (right) gested Mexico was on the as an armed force with roots in announcing to the press an urbao guerrilla uprising that rebels have 'fresh which followed repression of student riots in the years after forces' throughout Mexico

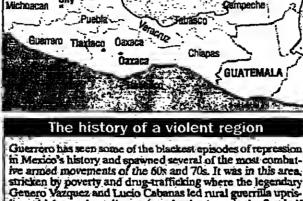
It said the EPR appeared to have emerged from two older groups: the Clandestine Workers' Revolutionary Party (Procup), students and intellectuals-cum-urban guerrillas who launched minor attacks since the seventies in Mexico City and elsewhere, and the Party of the Poor (PDLP), a peasants'-rights group crushed by the army in the state of Guerrero

in the seveoties. "These people are a hango from the seventies," said the Interior Ministry spokesman, Ar-turo Nunez. They wanted to give the appearance of a oationwide presence before President Zedillo's speech. We will certainly not enter into dialogue

with terrorists and criminals." The 80 masked rebels who attacked four government installations in Huatulco, a favourite destinatioo for American, Canadiao and European tourists, vanished into the lush hills above the resort after firing hundreds of rounds at local and state police stations, a

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Mexican raids raise spectre of revolution

mea which were brutally put down by the Army in the first half of the 1970s. Guerrero, Oazaca and Chispas are all victims of the endemic political neglect which has been the breeding ground for social conflict. Another armed group of the 1970s, the Forces of National Liberation, flourished in Chiapes and developed in 1994 into the Zapatista Army of National Liberation. A relative (left) places a The military precision of the latest outbreak of anti-state violence one of two policemen shot surpasses that of the Chiapas rising, writes Phil Davison in Huatulco dead by the self-styled Popular Revolutionary Army



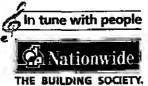
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Phyllis Pearsall

The memorial of Phyllis cause of the out-of-date London with nib and ruling pen and ink, her family. Those days it was a properly of A.Z. as she was street map she was using. This a skill acquired after a five-year very small family, consisting of known) is in many millions of homes and businesses throughout the UK and abroad. Mao had his little red book, she had her A-Zs, the first of which appeared in 1936.

Born Phyllis Gross in 1909, she was more or less abandoned by her parents at the age of 14, and went to France to teach English at a girls school at Fécamp. With French as her second language she went on to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. She had almost no money, so slept on the streets under newspapers and dried her smalls on radiators in the libraries while she studied.

Earning a meagre living by painting portraits and writing articles for various magazines and newspapers, she returned to England after a few years and in 1926 met and married Richard Pearsall. The marriage lasted for about eight years, dur-ing which time she had established a reputation for her writing and for her etchings and

But all of this was interrupted when Pearsall's father, Alexander Gross, wrote to ask her to publish in England a map of the world produced by his map company in the United States. He had emigrated some years earlier after losing the map company he had originally established in Fleet Street. Reluctantly she agreed, and had to learn all the technical jargon involved in reproduction and printing before setting about selling direct to the

It was on one of these selling expeditions that she got lost bewas the beginning of her idea of how useful an up-to-date map would be - a map that all could use for business and pleasure.

So in the mid-1930s the A/Z (as it was originally called) was conceived, and during the gestation period Pearsail walked some 23,000 streets of London, collecting street names, house numbers along main roads, hus and tram routes, stations, buildings, mu-seums, palaces etc., in addition compiling the street index in alphabetical order.

Finally after years of intensive labour, rising at 5am and walking for 18 hours a day, the London A-Z was born in 1936. It was researched, printed and distributed by Phyllis Pearsall alone, and drawn up by her father's best map draughts-man, James Duncan. It had a short pre-war life as

all maps at a larger scale than 1in-1 mile could no longer be published after the outbreak of war in 1939. Pearsall became a civil servant at the Ministry of Information; in order to keep her draughtsmen occupied she published war maps of the various battle fronts. After the war regulations were relaxed and street maps and atlases were once again allowed to be

1 first met her in 1948, and in 1950 joined Geographers' Map Co Ltd, as it was then known the underlining was to distinguish it from Geographia, the company Pearsall's father had founded before he went to

Mans at that time were all hand-drawn on tracing-paper

apprenticeship and years of practice, and it was this craft which intrigued Pearsall as

An accomplished draughtsman herself, she was unable to draw maps, but one has only to see her drawing of the Waterloo Bridge under construction, which she drew from the top of the then Shot Tower (now demolished), to appreciate her great perspective and skill: the original now resides in the Museum of London. Since our meeting in 1948

Phyllis Pearsall had been badly injured in an air crash in Surrey. A partial recovery many months later saw her return to the office where neglect by the then managers had led to a downturn in the company's affairs. The steps she took enabled it to recover slowly, but the effort affected her frail health and once again she had to have a long period of com-

When she came back she was so weak that it was not unusual for us to carry her up the stairs, so that she could see and discuss how work was progressing in the drawing office. At this time the general of-fice and the drawing office were in different buildings and it was at Phyllis Pearsall's instigation that an office capable of housing both together was found in Gray's Inn Road.

It was then that we were able to see her more frequently and hegan to appreciate her care and involvement not just with the business, but with each individual who worked there. whom she considered part of

three draughtsmen, six in the general office, two representatives, two in the shop and one in the stores.

New publications were slow to materialise as a first-class draughtsman was only expected to be able to letter ten names per hour, but inspired by Pearsall new projects (such as coloured Premier Street Maps of Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Leeds, Bradford in the early 1950s) were undertaken and new personnel recruited. The first A-Z street atlas of Birmingham appeared in the late 1950s. In 1964 the boundaries of Greater Loodon were expanded which led in time to a new Master Atlas of Greater London.

Back on top form, she kept a watchful eye on production and finance and was excited but cautious when a new map was about to be published: "We can easily seli it to ourselves, now we have to sell it to the public," she would say. Early in 1962 ill-health struck

again, and the company was brought to the brink of a financial crisis thanks to mismanagement, in spite of the hard work and loyalty of the rest of the staff. From Pearsall's sick bed she began to have suspicions that all was not well. Yet again her astute foresight and awareness of danger saved the company, but the drama took its toll, and after leaving hospital she found rest and recuperation at Backsetown in Henfield, founded by Dr Wilberforce, where women in hasiness could relax, have good food and be looked after



rail walked some,23,000 streets of London to create London A-Z

while they recharged their batteries.

In October 1962 the company moved to Sevenoaks, and it was here that Pearsall started to think about the vulnerability of those she cared for in the event of her death. A new management team gave her some com-fort and trust as their ideals were the same as hers and she felt able to hand over the reins to a degree, which allowed her

to enjoy her return to painting and writing - always ready to drop everything should the business demand. Amongst her books was From Bedsitter to Household Name (1990), the

story of A-Z maps. When the company joined the Small Business Association, Pearsall, with her command of European languages, often trav-elled abroad to discuss the role

In 1966, sacrificing any thought of personal security. she founded a unique trust for the henefit of the employees and joined in the parnership where she was loved and respected.
The harder business world of

today leads us to remember her words, of which she was a master: "How can such fools as us be accepted in husiness", "You must enjoy the challenge, make

it fun and do it", and the prime one for understanding accounts: "Cross off the naughts - it makes it easier".

Photograph: Caroline Mardon

Fred Bond

Phyllis Isobel Gross, artist, writer and publisher: born 25 September 1906: FRGS 1930: MBE 1989; married 1920 Richard Pearsall (marriage dissolved 1938); died Shoreham-by-Sea. Sussex 28 August 1006.

Alan Kane

Stone": under this headline, Melody Maker, the British bible of dance band music, in their issue dated 3 November 1934, proclaimed, "Alan Kane gave the greatest promise of settling down into something out of the ordinary. This promise had been more than redeemed already, for here is a vocalist who has strength in every department, that it to say he has quality, good diction and style."

Lew Stone had risen rapidly in the dance band world, from being the arranger for Roy Fox's Band, via the post of musical director for Herbert Wilcox's British and Dominions Film Studio, to leading his own dance band at the famous Monseigneur Restaurant. When his ears around for a suitable suc- and Alan formed a vocal partup-and-coming crooner, 21year-old Alan Kane. Their first recording together for Decca Records was "P.S. 1 Love You".

Alan Kane's first press notice seemed to predict a hright future as a singing star, but in fact he never quite made it to the top, and certainly never replaced Al Bowlly in the affections of the listening public. However, his pleasant vocalising, which can still be heard on CD reissues of classic British dance band recordings, is a fine reminder of an era when every word of a popular song could not only be heard, but was worth hearing.

Alan Kane was born in the crowded East End of London, at Dalston, in 1913. Music was

"Alan Kane scores heavily for an important part of his life, as his father was cantor at the Jubilee Street Synagogue in Whitechapel. This prompted Alan to join the choir of the Chapel Lane Synagogue in Dal-ston, Leaving school at the age of 14, he soon turned part-time professional. Having learned to play the drums, Kane formed his own small combination, a dance music quartet. For a few pounds shared between them they would play and sing the night away at many a working meo's club around the East

Entertaining was in the blood of the Kane family. Harry Kane, Alan's elder brother, was a stand-up comedian who punctuated his gags with a few notes on the violin. Gloria, his go freelance, Stone cast his be a band singer too, and she cessor and swiftly signed the nership which reunited every now and then down the years.

Kane's first introduction to the dance band world came through his brother Harry, who was performing with the band leader Jan Ralfini. Although he was hired as a musician rather than as a singer, the experience of working within the discipline of public performances proved invaluable. After three years with Ralfi-

ni, Kane, now just reaching his 21st hirthday, joined Harry Leader's Band. Leader's outlit recorded regularly for Woolworth's low-price label and Eclipse Records, and soon Kane cut his first disc. In fact, he sang on all four titles released in August 1934, the first being "One Of These Days".

The most intriguing of his Leader numbers bore the title "I Bought Myself A Bottle Of Ink", Evidently Kane pleased the mighty Lew Stone, for within a month or two Stone signed him to replace the lost Al Bowlly. Kane's first record for Stone was cut in October 1934, coinciding with the conclusion of the hand's contract with Decca.

A much publicised move to Regal-Zooophooe followed, where Kane's first recording was "Now Long May We Love". Stone, like many band leaders of the day, enjoyed the occasional comedy number. and aloogside such romantic hits as "Smoke Gets To Your Eyes", Kane found himself singing the pun-packed bal-lad, "When I Told The Village

In 1939 came the declaration of the Second World War, and a sharp change in song style. Kane's first with a wartime flavour was "They Can't Black Out The Mooo", which he recorded with the New Mayfair Dance Orchestra, 1940 found Kane as the "Me" in a curious combination known as "The Or-gan, the Dance Band and Me." Robinson Cleaver played the or-gan, Billy Thorburn conducted the band, and Kane sang. Their Parlophone records included "All Over The Place", the hit from Tommy Trinder's film Sailors Three, and "Bless 'em All", the old army song revived by the Lancashire comedian

George Formby.
In 1941 Kane was back with Harry Leader, the wartime hits continuing with "Sergeant Sally Is Coming Home on Leave". August 1996.

The next year Kane sang with the Blue Rockets, the dance hand organised by the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Their recording of "A Zoot Suit" reflected the GI invasion from the United States that was modernising British popular music

dance, the Jitterbug. Kane also worked with ENSA, reviving his old double act with Gloria under the title of "My Sister And I." He marked the closing moments of the war with his recording of "When We Dance At The Vic-

with the frequently forbidden

tory Ball."
There were, of course, plenty of songs oot flavoured by the world conflict, and these included "You Stepped Out Of A Dream", recorded with Manpopular film coir, Laura, recorded with Eric Winstone, and the hillbilly hit "I'm Thinking Tonight Of My Blue Eyes",

with Jay Wilbur's Band. Kane was a great radio favourite, and was heard to effect as a solo singing star on such BBC series as Break For Music and the lunch-time variety show, Workers' Playtime. In his later years Kane was the musical director at the Wellington Club in Kensington, a position he held for a quarter of a century. After retirement he worked for the charity Operation Wheelchair.

Denis Gifford

Alan Kane, singer: born London 20 September 1913; married 1938 Dorothy Caplin (died 1989; one daughter); died London 20

Erskine **Childers**

Erskine Childers's interest in his own family and his gifted anmarked hy his book on the subject, writes Ian Lowe [further to the obituary by Brian Urquhart, 28 August) and it is greatly to be hoped that the ouhlishers, Verso, will bring it out posthumously. Childers was engaged in what he described as a "prohably foolhardy attempt" to correct many of the canards which are still recycled about his grandfather and namesake, and his grandmoth-

er, Molly, who lived on until 1964. Their papers in four enormous cabin trunks were deposited in Trinity College Duhlin, where they are accestovani, the title song from the sible to any scholar. More, he wanted to pay tribute to his great grandmother, Mrs Hamiltoo Osgood, always known as "Nonna", with her mammeth anthology of the world's religions, The City Without Walls. and to his great aunt, Gretchen Warren, whose main work was on the function of the spiral in plant and animal life. To these vignettes he added a portrait of Glendalough House, in County Wicklow, "Pole star of all of us," the landscapes surrounding which ancient valley have been compared to a painting by Turner, with its vastness of space, and quality and colour of the air. It will be a tragedy if Erskine Childers's efforts as a writer, as well as an activist, are not realised and his picture of such an interesting family in Irish and English history should fail to ap-

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Lectures

TODAY

National Gallery: James Heard. August People (v): Jordaens, Por-trait of Goviert van Surpele and his National Portrait Gallery (guided tour): The Creative Spirit: por-

TOMORROW Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "The Changing Face of Beauty (il: 18th century", 2.30pm.

traits of writers, artists and scientise

ROTAL ENGAGEMENTS The Prince of Wales tomawow begins a vis-it to Berlin and Potsdam. Germany, to ser the work of the Prince of Wales. Institute of Architecture's Urban Task Force in Pots-dam and to see the outcome of a community planning exercise in Lindwigsfelde, near Berlin.

Changing of the Guard **TODAY:** The Household Cavalry Mount-TODAY: The Household Cavalry Mount-ed Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Hum. TO-MORROW: The Hunsehold Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 10am; Ard Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, hand provided by the Irish Guards. Forthcoming marriages

(ane and his sister Gioria, with whom he performed a wartime double act. "My Sister and i"

Mr R. J. F. Macobeccon

The engagement is announced be-tweeo Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Macphersoo, of Swansea. South Wales, and Emma. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Peers, of East Marden, West

Mr R. W. Stopford and Miss A. E. Salvesen

The engagement is announced between Robin, elder son of Professor and Mrs J.M. Stopford, of Primrose Hill. London, and Astrid, younger Salvesco, of Balendoch, Meigle,

Birthdays TODAY: Mr Eugene Anderson, for-

mer chairman and chief executive, Ferranti International, 58; Major Michael Argyle QC, former circuit judge, 81; Admiral Sir Brian Brown, chairman, King George's Fund for Sallors, 62; Professor Robert Handran Research and Sir Brian Brown, Chairman, King George's Fund for Sallors, 62; Professor Robert Handran Brian Brian Will Sir bury Brown, astronomer, 80; Sir James Cleminson, former chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, 75: Mr James Coburn, actor, 68; Miss Anne Coffey MP, 50; Lt-Gen Sir Napier Crookenden, \$1: Mr Alan de Piro QC, former circuit judge, 77: Miss Liz Forgan, managing director, Network Radio BBC, 52: Sir William Francis, former Vice-Chairman, Tarmac, 70; Mr Richard Gere, actor, 47; Air Marshal Sir Edward Gordon Jones, 82; Mr Buddy Hackett, actor and co-median, 72; Mr Charles Kay, actor. 66; Mr Clive Lloyd, cricketer, 52; Professor Sir Bernard Lovell, former director, Jodgell Bank Station, 83: Mr Van Morrison, rock vocalist, 51; Mr Edwin Moses, athlete, 41; Mr Bryan Organ, painter, 61: Mr ltzhak Peri-

TOMORROW: Mr Komei Abe, composer, 85; Mr David Bairstow, cricketer, 45: Mr David Baldwin, chairman, Hewlett-Packard, 60: Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, former Clerk of the House of Commons, 74: Mr the House of Commons, 74; Mr Richard Burden MP, 42; Miss Yvonne de Carlo, actress, 74; Sir David Carter, Regius Professor of Clinical Surgery, Edinburgh Uni-versity, 56; Professor Ronald Cooke, Vice-Chancellor, York University, 55; Mr Richard Edis, ambassador to Tunisia. 53: Mr Gwynfor Evans, honorary president, Plaid Cymru, 84; Mrs Margaret Ewing MP, 51; Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Freer, 73; Mr Barry Gibb, singer, 50: Mr Allen Mr Barry Gibb, singer, 50: Mr Allen Jones, artist, 59: Baroness Park of Monmouth, former Principal, Somerville College, Onford, 75; Lord Parkinson, former government min-ister, 65: Sir Austin Pearce, former chairman, British Aerospace, 75; Mr Manuel Pinero, goifer, 44: Lord Riverdale, former president, Balfour Darwins, 95; Mr Milton Shalman, film and theatre critic, 78; Mr

Leonard Slatkin, conductor, 42: Lord

Thomson of Fleet, newspaper proprietor, 73; Miss Lily Tomlin, actress, 57.

Anniversaries TODAY: Births: Caligula, Roman emperor. 12: Pierre-Jules Théophile Gautier, powelist and poet, 1811; Eliz-abeth Mary Russell (Beauchamp), Countess Russell ("Elizabeth"), novelist, 1866; Maria Montessori, educationist, 1870; William Bombardier Billy" Wells, heavyweight boxer. 1889: Roland Culver, actor, 1900; William Saroyan, author, 1908; Alan Jay Lerner, author and lyricist, 1918: Roy Castle, comedian, musician and dancer, 1932. Deaths: Henry V, King. 1422: John Bunyan, author, 1688; Charles-Pierre Baudelaire, poet, 1867: Georges Braque, Cubist painter, 1963; Rocky Marciano (Roc-co Marchepiano), heavyweight box-

er, killed in an air crash 1969; John Ford (Sean O'Feeney), film director, 1973; Henry Moore, sculptor, 1986. On this day: Henry VI acceded as King at the age of nine months, 1422; Mary Anne "Polly" Nichols, a prostitute, was found dead in Whitechapel, London, the first victim of Jack the Ripper, 1888; a South Korean airliner was shot down by the Soviet Union, killing 269 people aboard, 1983. Today is the Feast Day of St Aidan of Lindisfame, St Paulinus of Trier, St Raymond Nonnatus and The Servite Martyrs Nonnatus and The Servite Martyrs of Prague. TOMORROW: Births: Edward

Alleyn, actor and founder of Dulwich College, 1566; Engelbert Humperdinck, composer, 1854; Baron Carl Auer von Welsbach, chemist, inventor of the gas mantle, 1858; "Gentleman Jim" James John 1858; "Gentleman Jim" James John Corbett, heavyweight boxer, 1866; Edgar Rice Burroughs, novelist and creator of "Tarzan", 1875; Rocky Marciano (Rocco Marchegiano), heavyweight boxer, 1923. Deaths: Hadrian IV, Pope (Nicholas Breakspear, the only Englishman to be Pope), 1159; Louis XIV, the "Sun King" of France, 1715; Guv Burgess, defector, 1963: Siegfried Lorraine Sassoon, writer, 1967; François Mauriac, poet and novelis, 1970. On this day: the Covenanters were defeated day: the Covenanters were defeated by Montrose at Tippermuir, 1644; Cannon Street railway terminus. London, was opened for passenger traffic, 1866; Britain signed a peace treaty with the Zulus, 1879; the Sevem Timnel was opened for goods traffic, 1886; nearly 200,000 people were killed in earthquakes in Tokyo and Yokohama, 1923; the Albambra Theatre, London, was demolished, 1936; Poland was invaded by Germany, 1939; Colonel Gadaffi seized power in Libya, 1969. Today is the Feast Day of St Drithelm, St Flacre, St Giles or Aegidius, St Lupus or Leu of Sens, St Priscus of Capua, St Sebbe

Logic and lunacy among the believers Dr David Samuel is is a kindly gentleman with a white beard and an unlined fore-

head, who exudes that sharp benevolence which comes to fortunate souls when they realise that the great majority of their contemporaries are going to burn in hell, for ever. Dr Samuel is a Calvinist. He used to be a member of the Church of England too. After be lost a case in the High Court against the right of the General Synod to ordain women, he left the Church of Eng-land, taking his chapel in Reading and his ministerial orders with him. He joined an outfit called the Continuing Church of England, where he was bumped up to Bishop - his diocese covers all of England and Wales.

This makes him sound a crank, and perhaps he is. But he is also humane and even liberal in argument, once you grasp his premises. He believes that God's plan for Britain is that it should be a Protestant monarchy; close attention can reveal the clear meaning of the Bible and this in turn

reveals the meaning and purpose of everything else in the world. These beliefs were quite common he-fore the First World War. In parts of Ulster, they still are. Until he lost his court case, he was able also to suppose that they were the foundational beliefs of the Church of England. Now, he says that "Politically the matter is lost. Humanly speaking there is no prospect of that being reversed. The church along with the other institutions of this country are under the judgement of God, and without the intervention of God I do not see how this [trend within the church] could be re-

versed." This is an inspiring example of the re-

faith **c**reason

Once upon a time the Church of England stood for a Protestant monarchy. Now it is not sure.

And it is even more confused about its own constitutional role, argues Andrew Brown.

nowadays scientists, rather than theologians, who have inherited this Calvinist confidence in the primacy of the theory over data and the concomitant willingness to abandon common sense. As a scientific attitude it has brought great rewards. It is odd that it should have been so thoroughly discredited among the religious, who nowadays feel that their picture of God ought to conform more to human ideas of benevolence and even decency.

Yet the fact that Dr Samuel's idea of the Church of England is absurd does not mean that he cannot spot the absurdities in other people's view of it. He was speaking last week at the launch of a Gallup poll his organisation had commissioned into attitudes within the Church. of England,

Two things are noteworthy about this. The first is that the bishops have finally got their act together to resist opinion polls. Only 25 of the 114 questioned replied, a sufficiently low number to remove all confidence in their results. Some silience of the religious imagination. It is of the rest looks distinctly dodgy too: when

asked "How satisfied are you with the curasked "How satisfied are you with the current system of synodical government in the Church of England?" only 52 per cent of the general public replied "Don't Know". God in His wisdom alone knows what the 28 per cent who pronounced themselves "Fairly Satisfied" thought they were doing probably giving a vote of confidence to the Chief Rabbi.

pear in print.

The second significant feature of the poll is one to which Dr Samuel drew attention himself, and this is the deep confusion within the church about what Establishment actually means. A huge majority of regular church attenders wanted the church to remain established "and keep its association with the state" - even more than were in favour of women priests. There were smaller, but still clear majorities among the full-time clergy and the population as a whole.

So far so good. Then you ask the same people whether Parliament should continue to have the final say in the affairs of the Church of England, or whether the Prime Minister should have a right to veto the appointment of diocesan bishops, and majorities just as large, if not larger, reply that he should not, and that the church

hould be free of partiamentary control. This really does look like a more significant discovery than the 35 per cent of self-described Anglicans who told Gallup they never ever attend any place of worship. The plain meaning of the findings on Establishment is that the Church of England has no idea at all of the sort of relationship it has or might hope to have with the state. It expects all the privileges of Establishment but recoils with horror from the ohligations. It could do with a dose of Dr Samuel's astringent logic.

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The BBC's challenge is better programmes

The BBC will – we fervently hope – live | on into 21st-century Britain. It will flourish, in spite of new technology and the multiplication of channels, because in that competitive and challenging world its output will attract viewers and listeners. The BBC will deserve its ratings if its programmes are courageous and exciting and innovative which they will be if they embody the value of public service and that historic conception of the cultural integrity of this country which the BBC alone expresses and defends. What do this week's BBC events tell us about the likelihood of such a future coming to pass?

Let's start with the celehrated "gay kiss" on Eastenders - and see how quickly a minor soap-opera episode relates to the grand restructuring of BBC resources management disclosed on our front page yesterday. Michael Jackson, incoming controller of BBC1, this week stepped in to order a cut in the length of a kiss between two gay men. Why? It's real life. An awful lot of people have seen it happen on the street or in their local park. Why heavy-handedly cut it?

The BBC's reputation hinges as much on such exhibitions of social cowardice as the number of arrows on its management flow chart - a point John Birt, the director-general, sometimes seems to miss. Eastenders could be made entirely "out of house", bought in from an independent production

company. It might be more or less well acted and directed. But the BBC's inescapable role is to ensure that plots are imaginative, that character develops, and that difficult themes such as sexuality, or social politics, or indeed just politics, are taken up with a sense of risk, and of engagement with contemporary life.

BBC2 proposes to have a "black" night once a week. It is an intriguing plan which could turn out to be embarrassing and second-rate, or a convincing destroyer of stereotype and prejudice. That critical judgement will not depend on who makes the programmes or where they are made, but simply on whether they make good television. Contracting-out, in other words, is no substitute for making public service hroadcasting work day-to-day. Commissioners, not contractors alone, can ensure that the BBC offers something more than potboilers and spectaculars, sport and imports. In the end, content always matters more than structure. So the question is, does John Birt's proposed new structure secure high-quality content?

Mr Birt, though he may not know it, is a student of the late Nicholas Ridley. As Tory environment secretary in the Eighties, Ridley wrote a pamphlet arguing that public bodies, especially local authorities, need to meet only once a year in order to let a series of contracts, which would cover virtually every service for which they were responsible. All that



was needed was a tiny group of super-contract-letters. This way competition for contracts would drive down costs while allowing the inner core (the "virtual corporation", in Birt parlance) to think and act strategically.

It is a theory that has appealed to the Government. It applied a variant in Whitehali, leading to the creation of such "Next Steps" agencies as the Prison Service. Mention that and immediately a problem becomes apparent. Can the centre retain control when operations are flung to the four winds; can a contract ever specify all the details of performance? Applied to television, the question is whether it is possible to create a contract that commits the integrity and flair and the whole-hearted commitment of production people? Mr Birt has never been a BBC programme-maker. He will never know how much producers depend on "resources staff", camera crews, studio managers. He yesterday denied that carving out BBC Resources as a free-standing entity was a preliminary to privatisation. But he knows that is not the point. The question is whether a small central core of contract letters and programme ideas merchants could carry the great weight of BBC standards, aspirations and performance.

Mr Birt's logic carries him much further than he has yet been prepared publicly to admit. The BBC could safely sell Broadcasting House and lease back the suite of offices needed to contain them - in the way that, at long last, HM Treasury says it is going to sell its Westminster headquarters and lease back space. This BBC would, it is true, have no need for all the superstructure of personnel catering and other basic services which inflate the payroll and make it appear such a behemoth. But such changes are not going to improve the quality of programme ideas or bring viewers flocking to BBC1 on Saturday night. Every argument advanced by Mr Birt stands or falls on programmes.

There is, in Broadcasting House and Television Centre, a Jurassic tendency, people who fear all change. They do not see with John Birt's clarity that the BBC will have to adapt and compete in the brave new world of multi-channel broadcasting if it is to have a hope of commanding public resources. Ict alone seeing the licence fee raised. Mr Birt has said management change will free resources for programme-makers. There are certain challenges, notably the purchase of big-ticket sport, where money alone seems to talk. But in news and entertainment what matters as much as money is imagination, editorial integrity, commitment to the public good qualities which money of itself does not buy. The virtual BBC deserves to become real only if it promises more and better real programmes. And that is how Mr Birt has to sell it to us, the people who fund it.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

BSE: The Ministry carries on with its experiment on the British public

Sir: It is good to learn that a computerised model of the past and future pattern of the BSE epidemic (report, 29 August) bears out with mathematics what I predicted in evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Agriculture in 1990 and in letters in your columns: namely, that BSE would fizzle out about AD2000, that it would be maternally transmitted and that many more BSE-infected animals were going into our food chain than were heing destroyed by the Ministry of Agriculture.

You are right to comment of this new research that it cannot cast any light on the most important aspect of the BSE saga - whether

the new variant of CJD is related to eating BSE-Infected material: mathematics cannot help us there. But we do not need help in this matter. The unique finding in 1996 of 12 cases of CJD all in people under 40, all occurring in the UK within 30 months and all exhibiting the "new" strain bappened in the only country in the world which, uniquely also, bas fed upwards of 700,000 BSE-infected cattle to its citizens since about 1985, including until November 1989 the most highly infective organs. Logic tells us that these two unique

observations must he related. When MAFF finally did for humans what it had done for cattle

more than a year earlier, namely banned infective brain material from our foods, they exempted the hrains of calves although it was likely that calves, like lambs, would be born infected. Calves' brains are still not hanned and may be added to meat pies, patés, stock cubes and tinned items although MAFF bave known for several years - but denied it until a few weeks ago - that maternal transmission occurs in BSE as it does in scrapie. Thus we UK citizens are still the subjects of an ongoing transmission experiment courtesy of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries – and Food, H C GRANT MD, FRCP London NW3

Sir: It is not wholly accurate to Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC), the Government's advisory committee on BSE, as "independent". We mean no reflection on its members, but SEAC is the creature of . government ministers and officials. They choose its members and service its activities. Ministers are strongly placed to (mis)interpret its findings, as has arguably happened in the case of BSE.

The same goes for a number of highly significant "independent" advisory committees, which advise the Government on the safety of the food we eat, medicines we take, the

environment we live in and the air we breathe. They are usually highly secretive and immune from any

public or peer group review.

In our highly complex modern world, such bodies have outgrown their modest beginnings as mere advisory bodies. They are presented to us as "public watchdogs" and that, as we propose in our report Behind Closed Doors, is what they should become - public bodies, independent both of government and industrial interests. STUART WEIR WENDY HALL Democratic Audit

William Morris,

Sir: Dorothy Biltcliffe's letter (28

August) calling for the restoration of William Morris's grave at Kelmscott

displays ignorance of Morris's own

strongly held views on the subject.

Along with Phillip Wehh Morris founded the Society for the

which was fundamentally opposed to the damaging "repairs" carried out on our ancient monuments (Morris

Scrape"). Morris was a disciple of

so much a question of wbether we

are to have old huildings or not, as

whether they are to be old or sbam

His grave at Kelmscott, like the churchyard, is beautiful because it is

unspoilt and unrestored. The most

fitting way to mark the centenary of

Morris's death this year is to leave

his grave as it is - open to the quiet dignity that time and the English

climate bestow.

DAVID JAMES

Protection of Ancient Buildings,

nicknamed the SPAB "Anti-

rest in peace

University of Essex Colchester

Right to care for our own children

Sir: Your interesting articles on "holding the haby" (29 August) suffered from the weakness which afflicts all debate on this subject: you did not address the problem of how to enable women to look after their own children. Most mothers of young children do not want to hand their children over to a stranger, however well-qualified, and the only reason they do so is from economic necessity - they have to work in order to maintain their standard of living.

Even if 24-bour nurseries, free of charge, and generous tax breaks for childcare were made available to all mothers tomorrow, it would not solve the problem which faces today's generation of women: when we have children, we want the right to rear them ourselves. We are not interested in fighting for the right to do two jobs: one job is enough for any human being. But still we continue to read the same dreary old arguments about how we can be enabled to work in the cash economy at the same time as rearing our children. I don't want to be liberated to be at my employer's disposal: t would rather he liberated

to he at my haby's disposal. Until hringing up the next generation is recognised by society as a worthwhile and valuable occupation in its own right, and remunerated accordingly, women will continue to experience motherhood as a nightmare of guilt, frustration, inadequacy and fatigue, instead of the joyful and fulfilling experience it should be. JEAN MOLLOY London SE13

Sir: Chris Blackhurst ("Can we have

faith in charities?". 24 August) was unnecessarily alarmist: "This year

receipts, as unlike commercial

the Exchequer £725m.

charitable tax exempt status will cost

organisations they are in most cases

unable to reclaim VAT on the goods

and services they huy. The increase

in VAT to 17.5 per cent a few years

ago hit charities hard; and we now

have to contend with the recently-

enormous source of employment, so

staff contribute through PAYE and

receipts from charities than it loses

imposed VAT on recruitment

advertising. Charities are an

National Insurance to the

in tax exemption.

MARK PEMBERTON

Exchequer. I think it is quite

possible that the Government

receives more in VAT and tax

North London Theatre Trust

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Sir: Chris Blackhurst gives the

are awash with cash. The

impression that Britain's charities

overwhelming majority of charities

have low reserves levels and work

Charities contribute through VAT



Sir: As a history teacher, could I ask Robert Winder ("Let's give Harold one in the eye", 28 August), and

anyone else who wants to say what should or should not be taught in our schools, to read the National Mr Winder is right to say we should not have a narrow Britishbased curriculum and should study

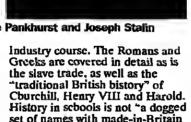
more than Harold, Boudicca and so

on. We already do.



History no mere island story

Mr Winder wants Stalin, Hitler, the Holocaust, feminism, the First World War and the rise of sport and television covered; they are taught in the 20th Century World course. Stepbenson and the Industrial Revolution are covered in the Expansion, Trade and



And eheer up - the pupils do actually enjoy it. ROB DOUGLAS Sheffield

Sentence should reflect rape victim's court ordeal

Sir: It is normal for judges passing sentence to take account of evidence of remorse on the part of the criminal, and a guilty plea is generally thought likely to be rewarded with a lighter sentence than an unsuccessful defence. Surely it is therefore proper and just that the recent court behaviour

exceptionally hard to ensure that

In terms of running costs,

according to figures from the Charities Aid Foundation, the

average spent by the top 500

being acceptable to spend on

administration.

their funding goes directly to henefit the causes they were set up to help.

charilies in the financial year 1994/95

was just 14 per cent. This is less than

half the proportion that the public in

recent research by NCVO regard as

As for the system of regulation of charities requiring "an urgent

overhaul, major steps have been

which has given the Charity

how their money was spent.

National Council for Voluntary

STUART ETHERINGTON

Chief Executive

London NI

Commission greater powers of

monitoring and ensuring that all

charities with incomes of over £10,000

must make annual returns setting out

taken with the Charities Act 1993,

Charities working hard for their money - and supporting the Exchequer

of a rapist who subjected his victim to a six-day ordeal in the witness box, which most people would probably regard as a callous public extension of the offence, should be considered as an aggravating factor and reflected in the sentence passed on him. Calls to limit defendant's rights in

such cases must be viewed with

Sir: Chris Blackhurst writes that

people "will have felt their blood boil" upon reading that the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association has

handed out interest-free loans to

sometimes take a secured stake in an

employee's new home when we need

him or her to move from our centre

staff. The facts are that we

in, say, Bolton to the centre in

London, where house prices are

much higher. Our staff are highly

staff in the right place at the right time, the work of our 15 training

centres would grind to a halt. ALISON RADEVSKY

PR and Marketing Manage

Association

Reading, Berkshire

The Guide Dogs for the Blind

specialist and we cannot recruit them

from elsewhere, so vacancies must be filled from inside. Without the right

Sir: Christ Blackhurst is quite wrong

about the National Trust. We do more

and more to encourage people with young families to visit our properties.

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caution, but this option at least offers the opportunity to punish appropriately and create a precedent hich might cause future sex offenders brought to trial to consider that the best interests of their victims might in fact be their own.

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Sir: Chris Blackhurst expressed

His data relating to charitable

concern at the ways in which some of

the money given to charities is spent.

incomes were all obtained from the

As You Earn scheme, the Charities

the donation to the chosen charity.

Charities Aid Foundation, itself a

registered charity. I wonder bow

many people realise that if they

Aid Foundation automatically

deducts 5 per cent of the sum

Dr B S WILKINS

properties each year.

MARTIN DRURY

The National Trust

Director General

John Ruskin who, in The Seven Lamps of Architecture argued that the restoration of old buildings was nothing more than organised vandalism: although wellintentioned the restorer's work irreparably damages the original building materials. The result is a lie: it is an attempt to misrepresent the past by displaying it with a falsely youthful and "tidy" face. Morris wrote: "It seems to me not

set of names with made-in-Britain

Neatest villages not the best kept

Sir: Duff Hart-Davies (Country Matters, 24 August) must never be allowed to judge another best kept village contest. His judging sheet is a recipe for suburbanisation.

This judging couple believe that dandelions, daisies, birds, bees and butterflies are every child's birthright. We're not permitted to deduct marks for close-mown grass, hut we add a few on for the odd verge or nettle patch managed for wildlife. Our highest praise goes to the village whose churchyard is a conservation area. STAN HAYNES SHIRLEY HAYNES Huntingdon Cambridgeshire

Eastern sunset

undertake payroll-giving via the Give Sir: Oh dearl Julie Myerson has written an entertaining piece (29 August) about her stay in Southwold for what she had hoped would be a perfect summer idyll, but it is donated to pay itself for distributing impossible for her to bave watched the "sun slide into the sea" off Southwold. She must have been in a terrible state. JOHN MILLER Southwold.

LETTER from THE EDITOR

ne thing newspapers are, in general, pretty lousy at is continuity. A scare flares up - wbether it be mysterious flesbdevouring viruses in the Home Counties or killer bees with Continental accents or life-threatening hamburgers. There is a hrief explosion of headline-writing, avid report-age and doom-laden (often cod-environmental) analysis, Then the whole thing subsides within a few days. Nothing seems to follow. Other events crowd out the story and the media caravan rum-hles on. Oil tankers "destroy" an ecology; jets plummet mysteriously from the sky; governments promise to reform the way they deal with Parliament: hut, apparently, there is nothing to be said and the promised inquiries or reviews

seep harmlessly away into a journalistic void. Perhaps this merely reflects the short attention spans and picturesensibility of the television age. But it surely has the effect of making shrewd readers deeply cynical about the whole business as they sense their purchase on events slipping.

Here, we are trying to return to "old" stories more

regularly and deliberately looking, for instance, at what is bappening to beef farmers now. But I'd be interested in readers' views about this whole matter, and examples of forgotten stories you want to bear more about.

Meanwhile, some readers tell me that we bave been too jokey at times. It certainly worries me that the paper has not been described as the Indescribably Boring for many months. Sorry, sorry, sorry. All I can do is plead with arch traditionalists to stick with us: we are genuinely very dull and bumourless people and will strive to remain so.

I spent some of the Bank Holiday week in Devon, at the wonderful town of Budleigh Salterton, where the lack of a sandy beach bas belped keep the place relatively quiet and unspoiled. Compared to France, the great difference with the

English coast is the relative difficulty of finding good seafood. Throughout Britain and Ireland, sbellfish of all sorts still seem to be regarded as nasty, slimy things to be packed up as quickly as possible and sent by lorry to the continent. You get the occasional lurid pink 'crab-stick' and a rather sad plastic pot of pickled mussels, but that's your

However, this year - and it may just be me - it seems that there are suddenly more good, cheap crabs on sale, and even edible shellfish, Perhaps continental holidays have returned more Britons to the habit of eating local seafood, Even so, the French do these things much better:

It worries me that the paper has not been described as the Indescribably Boring' for months

they have bulots in the shell. served on heds of fresh seaweed, with local hread and butter. We have deshelled whelks in paper hags. vis-cous and gummy in the heat.

Finally, readers may bave noticed the appalling experiences endured by our columnist Ms Bridget Jones in Bangkok. Well, she bas undoubtedly been very stupid. Mind you, on occasion, Bridget is very stupid. And, now I come to think of it, those occasions are not occasional occasions. These may seem strange words for an editor to use, even harsh ones. Some readers (take a bow, G. Langley of Bristol) complain about our using Jones in the first place. But she is basically a good person and bonest. This seems to me to be a good quality in jour-nalism, if a rare one. Perhaps if the Home Secretary is reading this - you never know - he might consider her case. After all. she helps pay his salary.

Andrew Marr

QUOTE UNQUOTE

The most reliable way to become a millionaire theatre producer is to start off a hillionaire - Andrew Lloyd Webber High quality live sport will gradually go to Sky. We simply can't

compete with the cheque book - John Birt, BBC director-general This was not some sort of article for Hello!, it was a disaster that hit a community - Patricia Greenhill, provost of Dunblane, on media coverage of the school shooting tragedy

When I look in the mirror, all I see is a middle-aged man who needs a shave - Harrison Ford, actor

It's really scary and makes me cry at night. We pass it when we go down the road - Marie Dickson, 10, on the Blair demon eyes poster I do not think it is possible to be a Conservative and green - Lady Barber, who has abandoned her protest against the Newbury by pass The test of a civilised nation is how it treats its dispossessed. Too

many of Britain's homeless are living in Third World conditions

— Jon Fitzmaurice, director of the homeless charity CHAR Labour must dump some of the baggage that has kept the party out of office, but so much is disappearing there is a danger that we may arrive in port with an empty vessel - Paul Flynn, Labour MP We get a better class of loony fan at Radio 4 - Juhn Humphrys, the BBC 'Today' programme interviewer

Judged by terrorists

lot of loyalists who meet Billy Wright, Northern Ireland's hest-known Profestant paramilitant, find him slightly disconcerting in person, not because of his fearsome reputation but because of his attachment to religion.

Most localist paramilitary people tend to be, if not actualty godless, then tough men who are not regular churchguers and are more often to be found in drinking dens than mission halfs. Wright is most unusuat because he speaks, and writes, about God.

According to one lovalist: "He has this streak of religious fundamentalism in him, always mentioning God. He has a bible in one hand, and then at the same time he's preaching death."

He also has a willingness to go against the big battalions of lovalism, a readiness to have his picture taken and give interviews, and a seeming disregard for the fact that those who mix paramilitarism and celebrity often end up incarcerated or

assassinated. At one tevel, his decision to defy the hig groups - the Ulster Volun-If he is killed, then the loyalists will

teer Force and Ulster Defence Association. who, playing god themselves, told him this

week to leave or face death - is hasically an issue of internal paramilitary discipline. Some observers shrug and say, it's a brutal world in there, and you either do what you're told or bale out. But at other levels, this is

potentially a highly de-stabilising affair, and one which many worry could accelerate what they fear is already happening: a sleady drift back to armed conflict. This business could, at worst, lead to a lot of shooting. a deterioration of the already dangerously charged almosphere, and it may have farreaching political repercussions.
It need not necessarily do so.

for some episodes of violence can take place in hermetically sealed compartments. This year, for example, five people have been killed in a feud within the Irish National Liberation Army. The feud seems destined to drag on without end within the notoriously fissiparous group, but harely affects the outside world.

The Billy Wright affair, however, is bound to have wider implications, for it has become intertwined with the overall political scene. The shape of political

Threats to shoot a maverick loyalist put peace at risk, says David **McKittrick**

activity could depend on it; so indeed could the maintenance of the loyalist ceasefire, which has held since October 1994.

The fact that the ceasefire has survived so well has been one of the higgest of the many surprises thrown up in recent years. The 1990s saw the UVF and UDA go on the rampage for several years, inflicting more casualties than the IRA. Loyalist gunmen attacked many members of Sinn Fein, but also carried out indiscriminate attacks on Catholic pubs and betting shops, sometimes killing half a dozen people at a time.

When the IRA went on ceasefire, in August 1994, some

thought that the loyalists might

keep on going. Instead, not only did they stop killing but

many of them took to politics

with great enthusiasm and

indeed skill. The image of the working-class loyalist as a gun-

man in a balaclava faded, to be

replaced by David Ervine, Gary

McMichael and other fledg-

ling politicians in neat suits.
The impact of the new para-

paramilitary parties, the Pro-

gressive Unionists and the Ulster Democratic party, was

dialogue and easy informality made them media darlings.

They were feted in Washingtoo

During the republican cease-

you know." The same was true

of the loyalists with the bala-

IRA, they kept active, carrying out punishment beatings and

occasional robberies, with sec-

tions of them dahbling in crim-

inality such as drugs. Like the

IRA, they refused to de-com-

and Dublin.

Even when the peace process period did not deliver everything the loyalists had hoped for, there were appreciably fewer stresses and strains within their organisations than, for example, within the IRA. Billy Wright seems to have been fairly isolated in believing the ceasefire was a bad idea, for there was no significant war party pushing for a return to war.

The election to talks earlier this year brought the new loyalist parties a respectable vote that gave them a place at the multi-party talks. There, according to most of the other partic-ipants, their attitude has been constructive and open-minded.

One participant said: "Their presence is important for a couple of reasons. First of all, having them there means there's less chance of violence on the streets. Then it also means that Paisley and company can't use the blood-curdling threats that they might otherwise use."

The people who have had the greatest problems in accepting the new lovalist approach have been the established Protestant parties, the Ulster Union-

Democratic Unionists. surely be ejected from the talks who have

resorted to sabre-rattling to help build their careers have been annoyed to find the men with the sabres at the same table, and annoyed too to hear them talking peace rather than war.

The two main parties have this week embarked on a campaign to have the smaller lovalist parties expelled from the talks on the grounds that they should not be expected to negotiate with the political spokesmen of organisations which issue public death threats.

This is clearly a strong argument. The Progressive Unionextraordinary. Their evident ist Party (PUP) and the Ulster attachment to peace, desire for Democratic Unionist Party (UDP) are as yet, to use an old Irish description, only slightly constitutional parties; one of the major arguments for allowing them to stay in talks is that fire. Gerry Adams said of the involving them in the political IRA: "They haven't gone away, processes will help gradually

wean them away from violence. Most in the talks believe the clavas: the UVF and UDA new parties are serious about politics, yet their parent organstayed in existence. Like the isations are resorting to the bad old ways to settle their problems. The proposition that they should feel free to threaten to kill someone in defence of their ceasefire is clearly of the most

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larger Unionist parties may not be as moral and as high-minded as it appears at first sight. Senior figures in those parties have long wanted the loyalists expelled from the talks, oot because of some purist fastidiousness about threats but because they regard them as

united Protestant approach.

But then the position of the the past dabbled in paramilitarism and resorted to the threat of force. "This is the pot calling the kettle black," said one loyalist source. "They want us out of the talks and I reallythink some of them want a return to war.

This is the point where the Wright affair has intersected political rivals - rivals, more with national politics. Northern the talks would stam the politover, whose over-conciliatory Ireland, in the wake of the disline tends to undermine a astrous marching season, is a tense and dangerous place at Furthermore, as the loyalists the moment, with pessimism point out in private with some and apprehension rife: today is abandonment of politics and a figures who have themselves in ceasefire, and the contrast with

that time of great hope is stark. The few silver linings in a hleak landscape include the facts that the talks are scheduled to re-start on 9 September, that the IRA has not started a new campaign in Northern Ire-

land, and that the loyalist ceasefire has held to date. Ceremonial expulsion from ical doors on the loyalists and almost inevitably send them off looking for an alternative direction: that might very well be the complete unravelling of what remains of the peace process. On the other hand, even many

of those who wish the PUP and UDP well will be uneasy with the idea of allowing them to stay in talks if the Wright death threat is not withdrawn. And if he is actually killed, then the lovalists will surely be ejected. Billy Wright's High Noon comes at midnight tonight.

the issue of how to treat Sinn Fein and the IRA, and in the bitterness, mainstream Union-ism contains a number of senior the second anniversary of the reversion to terrorism. It is easy final analysis, it comes down to amnouncement of the IRA to see how that could spark off a view of human nature. Some the IRA and bring about a will feel that one-time terrorists themselves in the same way.

will never change their spots and should be politically shunned, and that any ceasefire ever declared by them will be a sham and a deception.

Others will feel that a transition from terrorism to politics is a possibility, and will he prepared to tolerate an evolutionary phase that could contain violent sleps backward as well as political steps The question of how to deal with the loyalists is similar to sations have themselves lost patience with Billy Wright and decreed his exile: the body final analysis, it comes down to politic must now decide whether to treat the loyalists



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Jo Brand's wee

It seems the Royals are spending a rather large proportion of their allowances, when jetting off on trips abroad, on their clothes. This has not really occurred to anyone until recently, probably because with few exceptions the whole bunch of them don't look as though they've made a great deal of effort in the glad rags



Maybe all the Royals would like to donate their clothing allowances to the people of the island of Eigg in the Inner Hebrides, who are trying to buy their island to avoid a series of rich, eccentric types mincing up and down like they own the place, which of course they do. The asking price is roughly 2 million quid, which if you think of it isn't that much ... about asfar up as Shearer's knee. Eigg is currently owned by some reclusive German arty type and maybe it's about time the islanders were responsible for their own destiny. Perhaps some millionaire type will buy it and give it to them, as these people do pop up out of the woodwork from time to time. Paul McCartney could afford it, I expect. What a shame the band KLF burnt a million pounds on Jura recently. If only the Eigg mob had legged it down

there before they put a match to it,

department. You may think, considering the fact that I tend to dress in the "Scruffy Bat At Fat Ladies' Shop" style, that I have no right to comment, but my clothes are not paid for by the taxpayer and I don't represent the country, thank Gawd. If the Royals are going to spend all this money on looking the business for foreign trips, the women could at teast make the effort not to look like sacks of spuds covered in Dayglo Crimplene and the men could eschew the recently released offender style. And considering many of the Queen's outfits looked like she's knocked them up on a Singer in an evening, she might like to save a bit by getting a couple of dress patterns in and having a go herself.

that would have been half the price

The Eastenders kiss suffered the unkindest cut of all as one and a half seconds of it out of two seconds slid onto the cutting room floor. I didn't see it. Must remember to catch the omnibus edition. Women have been snogging on the box for quite some time now in soap operas, but because that is the stuff of many a pubescent male fantasy, it was greeted with a Phwoah! as opposed to the outraged queasiness announcing two blokes at it. There is still a fair amount of homophohia in this country and so one would expect that lot not to take it lying down. I have always been surprised by the paranoia of homophobic men whose battle cry of "Backs against the wall!" belies the fact that most self-respecting gays would not dream of placing any of



their appendages anywhere near any of the orifices of these hairy neanderthals. The two kissers in Eastenders, it has to be said, are reasonably attractive, which softens the blow. Not until we have witnessed the improbable sight of Garry Bushell with his tongue down Eric Hall's throat could we truly say we have accepted homosexuality lock, stock and barrel.

Nice to hear the Tories are out of the red for the first time in 10 years. Nearly 16 million quid overdrawn last year, the party has pulled itself up because of an increase in donations, some £18m this year. This is apparently because of the run-up to the election and the

Tories are now on a war footing. Sounds to me like the people with the dosh are getting scared that they won't hang on to it for too much longer, despite the fact that Tony Blair has said he's not going to grab it from them. Still, we're always told by John Major that throwing money at a problem is not going to solve anything. Let's hope in this case he's right.

The charity for the homeless, St Mungo's, said recently that the number of people sleeping rough on the streets in London was affecting the tourist trade. Well perhaps this will get the Government off their arses, as nothing else until now has seemed to make any difference. Many

people have weighed in with their opinions on this problem, including Trevor Nunn, the future artistic director of the Royal National Theatre, who very hetpfully points out that some areas are so "repellent" that "no one of sound mind would pay money in search of entertainment there". Poetic, but not much hetp, Trev. However, it is the London Tourist Board who come up with the most outrageous comments hy saying they are concerned that many homeless people are put in bed and breakfast accommodation when the capital has such a severe shortage of cheap hotels snitable for tourists. (You what?) Expect homeless firing squads from the LTB soon.



They're ruining people's holidays

Having worked in children's homes and as a psychiatric nurse. I have been called upon on several occasions to deal with out-of-control teenagers and also to separate bahies from their mothers when the child was felt to be at risk. On none of these occasions did for others present feel the need to use CS gas. The fact is, if you've got it, you'll use it before you consider the less dramatic options. I thought it was for hulking great brutes uncontrollable by any other means. Silly me.

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'The cover says it all: Holroyd's name is in larger print than John's, an acknowledgement that the biographer is better-known than the artist, and there is now a long preface outlining his labours'

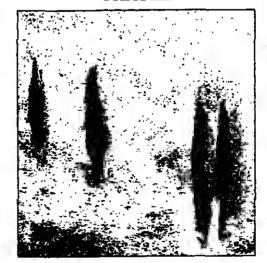
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A wee bit of wellie among the wails

rom behind the grandstand came a lone skirl, then another, then another, until the air was filled with the wail of two score mammals dying of a combination of melancholia and the bends. Then, suddenly, pure, lonesome ontes kicked in as fingers found holes on chaoters and the Lonach, Ballater and Towle pipe bands joined forces to lead the march of the clansmen. I have always wanted to play the bagpipes; that nasal wail ties knots somewhere deep in my ileum, as it does to most Celts. But the people in the flats adjoining my own seem to have enough trouble accepting the daoce routines to Take That's Greatest Hits: to play the pipes, you really need a convenient patch of moorland to practise on.

The competing notes became a march, the gates swung open and the Forbeses and Wallaces and representatives of the other clans in the area. draped in tartans and swioging pikes, hauberks and other polished instruments of torture, stamped in behind the pipers. The crowd applauded these sturdy men with gleeful restraint; the English concept that pipe music should be accompanied by rodeo whoops would be giveo short shrift bere if anybody tried it. Nobody did, though. A rumour that a couple of coach-loads of English might be turning up had been causing a few furrowed brows, but the tourists geoerally go to Braemar to try to get a glimpse of the Queen. The Lonach Gathering may attract a wider attendance than the residents of Strathdon -8,000 were expected last Saturday - but they're visitors, not

This is the second event bearing the name gathering" I've been to this year. There's a big difference between the two. The first, a New Age extravaganza, took place in Wiltshire, where those tourists who style themselves travellers can avoid inconveniences like cold and damp in their healing tents, and which looks set to go on to the mil-lennium. This was the Lonach's 155th official incarnation, its God-knows-how-many-hundredth as a Highland happening. There are gatherings and gatherings, you know.

It was well after one o'clock by the time the

Lonach Highlaoders hit the showground at Bellabeg, Strathdon, a foursquare village of Aberdonian granite strung along the road to the Lecht. The weather had held so far, with just the odd minor squall. As they entered the ring, the first tropical drops of a weekend's worth of irrigation smote the feather bonnets. They had been marching since eight that morning, stopping off en route for drams, courtesy of the area's grandees. Among the houses honoured with a visit is Candacraig, once the seat of the Wallaces and now home to the Roddicks, of Body Shop fame. During a previous visit, Gordon Roddick caused some consternation by enquiring as to how

Blokes in kilts throwing roof rafters, the whine of bagpipes, the squelch of mud. The Highland gathering may be a source of amusement to southern folk. But then it's one of the least self-conscious social events in the world. Photograph by Glyn Satterley

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In another life

many of the assembled marchers had used a Body
Shop product in their bath that morning. It's still
talked about.

At the proceeding a beight beginning to be a beight beginning about in a bikini? Is this really what the Olympic spirit is reduced to?

Some countries, of course, are better than other than othe

At the rear of the procession, a brightly painted cart drawn by a strawberry roan carthorse garnered enthusiastic applause. The man next to me: grey bair, square specs, leant over. "They have to bring him down from Aberdeen, you know. They used to have an old one of their own down here, but he got too rheumaticky to make it round the showground, let alone along the march. The last time they used him, they had to stop him halfway round and wait for everyone to catch him up from behind." "What does he do? Is he there to carry equipment?" I asked. "Oh, no. He's there in case anyone doesn't make it. They've been marching since early morning and God knows what they've taken on board." Everyone looked as straight as their pikestaffs. "Oh, no one's ever ended up in the cart as far as I know. He's just there in case."

A Highland gathering is an event of unique charm. Much parodied in the Beano, they are actually a combination of pride, nobility and sports that will always remain incomprehensible to an outsider. Great sports, too: why caber tossing basn't made it onto the Olympic list is anybody's guess, especially in the light of recent inclusions. If ever there was a sport in which the original function was indiscernible, it has to be beach volleyball. Most sports have some root in functionality, in the better training of the human animal to perform its various tasks, be they construction, dexterity, agility, running away, hunting or making war. I was never a great one for things like hockey, but at

ers at publicising their cultural values. This can be the only reason why games for beach bunnies take precedence over more useful skills in the sporting arena. The Afghan sport of bus'katchi, for instance, in which teams of horseback mercenaries line up to beat the hell out of each other with whips in pursuit of the headless corpse of a calf, would be extremely useful in training your menfolk to see off those Russians. And there's many a building site that would benefit from warm-up sessions with a caber of a morning. Cabers started their existence as the main rafters of houses. One can see the use of being able to chuck one of those around. According to my dictionary, a caber in the dialect of the north-east of Scotland is also a large, crude man. The advan-tages in being able to fing one of them over your shoulder are fairly obvious, too.

Beyond the central arena, oeighbourhood life: a oeighbourhood that covers a vast square mileage of places with names like Dead Wife's Hillock and Muir of Fowlis - sustained and renewed itself. Hands were shakeo, gossip swapped. A second-hand stall hawked tartan skirts at £4, black brogues at £12 a pair. Sporrans started at £15 and went all the way up to to £60 for a very fine specimen decorated with the entire mane of

some unfortunate pony.

Men nodded solemnly to each other. "How was your picnic?" "Rained off. I'm going to the beer tent." "I'll come with you." Stallholders least one could see that it was excellent battle raced to cover their wares with plastic sheeting

as the weather intensified. Small boys clustered round the army recruitment tents asking for badges and sought duels with plastic claymores won at the fairground. A Hungarian couple, who were so impressed wheo the Lonard Highlanders and Pipe Band toured the country last mooth that the start alternal their holiday plant to include Scott they altered their holiday plans to include Scot-land, sat in the covered stand. He wore a kilt and

ate fudge; slie beamed.

The rain gathered momentum. "It's just a wee shower," said the jocular announcer, Mr J Macshower," said the jocular announcer, Mr J Mac-Gregor, over the tannoy system. "The Flood was just a wee shower as well, but it lasted a long time." As giants sweated over their girders and harmers and the clansmen lined up to be inspected by Sir Hamish Forbes Bart, MBE, MC, of New; aquiline 80-year-old patron of the gath-ering, who has been taking part in the loog march since the war, a gaggle of dancers warmed up by the grange goodness on which they were to perthe orange podium on which they were to pertorm. His grange plastic surface had been sca

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tered with sand to avoid slippages. The dancers were mostly girls. Like hallet addicts in the South, boys tend to drop out early. Competitors from Edinburgh and Glasgow sported Pacamacs and see-through galosbes to protect their shiny black shoes and tartan socks. Their accompanying piper, who had looked cool in sunglasses earlier in the day, had pulled oo a sweatshirt and still somebow cootrived to look dignified. Done up in smoothed-back huns and French plaits, they pulled toe-to-calf plies on the spot, wellies scattering mud as they landed. This was a million light years from the elephantine clomp of the set-steps my dancing teachers attempted to instil in us as children. As a concurrent lightning bolt and thunderclap exploded over the showground, the trio on stage turned not a hair, but continued to float in the air like young gazelles. Stoicism's finest hour.

This, then, is a gathering, as opposed to a Gathering. There is a lot of senteotiousness in public pastimes at the moment; the group activities of my generation seem to have become very didactic, very self-conscious and, often, very humourless. At the faux fashioo parades across Britain over the last couple of summers, thousands of people seem to have convinced themselves that by taking part in drumming workshops, they are somehow changing the world. There is a lot of bleating about pride and respect, but very little commitment to anything other than the most undemanding offering of hugs and platitudes to strangers. An event like the Lonach is like a long drive of coal water on a driver day. The exception drink of cool water on a dusty day. The essential nobility of the human spirit rarely shows itself better than in the sight of people performing demanding acts of dedicated skill with no other glory in mind than the simple pleasure of doing them well.

When your private life spills out of a cardboard bag on to the street, it's time to take stock

have been scared of some really dumb things in my time. When I was five, my Mum took me to see Cats, but I was scared of Brian Blessed so we had to leave. The same year, I had a fabulously successful birthday party, at which I held court like a mini Joan Collins until 1 decided I was scared of the lighted candles on my cake. I screamed and cried and curled up beneath a table until my

Montessori mates had to be sent home. But let's cut to the chase (chase being the operative word). Today, I am fright-ened of my garbage bags. They don't just make me nervous. They inspire in me a nauseous, heart-pounding terror that mists my vision and claws at my diaphragm. With good reason...

we first moved into the flat. I diligently dragged the bin bags down the stairs, accidentally tearing them along the way so burnt scrambled egg spilled across the limp porch. Grace said I didn't have to

We accepted that we all have different talents. Grace is excellent, among other things, at walking in high beels, applying eye-liner and getting things cleaned up. I am good at hailing taxis, pouting, and imitating Mick Jagger and Tina Turner simultaneously. I am excused rubbish duty. But Grace has barely been home this week and the kitchen was starting to stink, If there's **EMMA FORREST**



sour milk and bags of rotting fruit and and set to work,

I couldn't find the rubbish bags, so I put everything in the designer carrier Last oight, for once, I took out the garbage myself. I've found that if you do garbage myself. I've found that if you do garbage myself. I went crawlies. So I gathered up the cartons of sales. I love Anna Molinari. Well, I love Horrible stuff – letters from people I've out, bought some proper plastic bags

how her dresses look on Sherilyn Fenn in Hollywood premiere-night papparazzi shots from the pages of Allure and W. I wanted anything from there, so I got a belt that I don't even particularly like, but it was the cheapest thing in the sale. And they wrapped it in tissue and put And they wrapped it in tissue and put and tried to scrape everything up neatly. But I still felt jittery. So I got a second opinion. My 10-year-old friend, Jack, is visiting. He is a borror afficionado, and as he was going through the comparative merits of Stephen King's The Stand and his earlier Carrie, I told him about the rubbish and why I was so jumpy. He in the most enormous, rose-printed cardboard hag. Then I bought a pretzel from the deli at DKNY and asked the waiter to put it in the biggest bag he had. So those are the bags that I crammed full of rubbish and dragged downstairs. I wasn't planning on it raining and turning my lovely bags to mush.

When I went out to check on them today, not only had they not been collected, but the eotire contents of both

impartially, through my bins, trying to find out what kind of girl the owner was, I would say I was a vain rich bitch, a central casting slash-and-stalk victim from a John Carpenter movie. And then my brain really started going overtime: Someone is stalking me. They have just been through my garbage. They know my address, they know my bra size, they know I speod too much on clothes. I am Jamie Lee Curtis in Halloween. I went

the rubbish and why I was so jumpy. He was quiet for a while, scratched his head and straightened his jacket and then

turned slowly towards me. Emma, I have to tell you that, not only are you the next target of a twisted. psychotic, possibly masked serial killer, but you have also endangered the lives of all of your frieods. We are to be picked off, one by ooe, and all because you couldn't be bothered to use proper rubbish bags."

I'm even worse at washing up.



Pepper mills and cheap prints

AUCTIONS

John windsor previews a contemporary "tag" sale at Bonhams and Phillips' print sale

ld prints are out of fashion and cheap and Phillips' minor sale on Tuesday, September 10 (12 noon), is well worth a rummage. Auctioneer Richard Lloyd has hrought hack from "somewhere on the continent" the choicest of up to 20,000 engravings, the remaining stock of a print shop that traded for 30 years at the beginning of the century then closed for 30 years before being bought out.

The most valuable will appear in Phillips' October auction. But hundreds of others are lotted together in collections of 50 or more, estimated around £200-£300 a lot. Some are later impressions from plates engraved by 17th century Old Masters. Most entertaining are scurrilous early 19th century engravings that include an anonymous caricature of George IV in a brothel thrusting a hundle of banknotes towards a swooning prostitute amid much commotion.

The same lot of 80 prints, est £200-£300, is strong on commotions as indeed was the early 19th century

motions, as indeed was the early 19th century - commotions between keepers and dogs at shoots, street commotions between sailors and prostitutes and between urchins and denizens of the beau monde. Some of the prints in this lot are cheeky continental satires against the English, intended for sale in the English market: poor spelling gives some of them away. Also in the same lot: a robust Cruickshank of an exploding railway locomotive, symbolising the mid-century boom and bust in railway shares.

Why is there, in auctioneer's jargon, such a "small audi-cnce" for such delightful things? As an investment, old prints crashed spectacularly in the late Twenties following a huying mania that rivalled the 17th century Dutch bulb craze. Since then, big money has steered clear of them. More recently, mass reproduction of images by photolithography has caused confusion about what is a genuine old

In the trade at large, fakes abound - Italian crooks print accurate facsimiles of old prints on blank endpapers taken are ideal as gifts - and Christmas is looming. But if you do from old books - hut at least most Old Master engravers have now heen published in catalogues raisonnés, in which the tiniest scratches denoting different "states" - reworkings - of the same engraved plate are meticulously catalogued. The sale's four prints by the 17th century Claude Lorrain, among 31 Old Master prints lotted together at £150-£250, are the identical Arcadian images that appear priced £3,500 or so at the top dealer Agnew's. But Phillips, having consulted the Claude Bible, the catalogue raisonné by Lino Mannocci, have catalogued their source as 200 Etchings of 1816, a book that contains prints from reworked plates that Claude originally engraved nearly 200 years ear-lier. Do not be unduly disappointed to find that the Claudes and Hollars have been trimmed to the plate-mark. That was usually how they were issued. Paper was scarce in the 17th century and the trimmings were re-used for smaller plates. Whole-sheet specimens are rare.

If you can pick up any of these lots within estimate - cross your fingers that print dealers are still on holiday - then. even including framing costs, you will have dozens of decorative pictures at about a quarter of their shop price. They



Above: An anonymous 19th-century caricature of George IV in a brothel goes under the hammer at Phillips. Below: Shin Azumi's ingenious pepper mill, £34 at Bonhams' "tag" sale.

not want to give them away - a wizard wheeze, this - having hid successfully for an 80-odd, £200-£300 lot, keep the you like best and bung the remainder back into Phillips' October auction - the lot might fetch only £100 less than you originally paid for it. Viewing: Thursday 5 September (2-5pm), Friday 6 (9am-5pm), Sunday 8th (2pm-5pm), Mony 9 (9am-5pm).

A chance to spot and buy the work of young design leaders - at Bonhams' fifth Decorative Arts Today selling exhibition, Wednesday 4-11 September. A week-long auction? Not quite. This is a "tag" sale – fixed prices, no bidding, and with each batch-made object replaced the moment it has been bought. Strongly tipped as big names of the future: the Japanese couple Shin and Tomoko Azumi, both RCA iduates. Mr Azumi's re-designed pepper mill is ingenious. Think what annoys you most about conventional pepper mills - spilling when filling, of course - think of a solution, then compare it with his. Simple but not obvious: put a wide, peppercorn-catching lip at the top. Price: £34 + VAT. Mrs Azumi has designed a table-chest that folds. More (11am-4pm).



inscrutable than the pepper mill, it hinges to form either a horizontal table or an upright, three-tiered storage chest.

Price £535 + VAT. Then there is IAM, the young trio that
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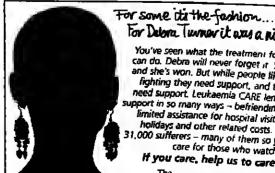
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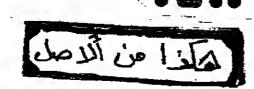


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CLASSICAL MUSIC

András Schiff Plays Brahms Queen's Hall, Edinburgh

A return festival visit from the pianist and friends. By Raymond Monelle

or the second year running, the pianist András Schiff gathered a group of friends and colleagues to give recitals of chamber music at the Queen's Hall. Since the only qualification to take part is to he asked by Schiff, the performances are mixed, always competent but variable in their communicative powers. This year, Brahms was the featured composer.

Schiff himself is, perhaps, a musician who plays too much too often. His particular strength is a kind of stamp-and-go rhythm, full of the swing and lift of the dance. In passages of inward emotion, sweet lyricism or grim seriousness he is less convincing; you sense that he is bored with the sheer mass of music he is called on to perform.

You would expect, therefore, that the Piano Quartct in G minor would fare well. There were plenty of gypsies in the finale, heavy-booted and akimbo, and the opening allegro drove forward, weighty and and the opening auego arove forward, weighty and firm of centre, as though breasting great waves. The whole cusemble had a density and body, grounded in the forceful playing of the violinist Erich Höbarth and the cellist Boris Pergamenschikow.

The other piano quartet – the one in A major – was played by a different group, including the violinist Yuuko Shiokawa and the cellist Miklos Perenyi.

They were a serious, committed bunch, but they played with disciplined energy rather than unbuttoned wildness. Perenyi had earlier played the E minor Cello Sonata with a fiery intensity and projection that gave mooumental strength to the fugue in the finale.

Shiokawa, also, played a solo, the Violin Sonata io G major. She is a very different kind of player. Her instrument has an icy tone that matches her coolly impersonal style. Her emotions are somehow abstract, and she plays every note with a level, mechanical vibrato that alienates the music. It is a clean and modcrn style, but it seemed wrong for Brahms.

However, of the soloists, the most bewitching was Elmar Schmid, who performed the Clarinet Sonata in F minor as well as taking part in the Clarinet Trio, Op 114. It was easy to believe that Richard Mühlfeld, for whom Brahms wrote these works, sounded like this. The notes materialised like coloured glows, curling heavenward without human agency, coalescing into a faint aura of soft fragrances like a magic spell. Here was a musician who truly had something to communicate, a sort of Gandalf of the clarinet.

Brahms also scored the clarinet socatas for the viola, and the F minor was played by Nohuko Imai on that instrumeot, with a violinist's eloqueoce and agility. There were also two plano trios. The heartoo-sleeve B major, Op 8, suffered from Shiokawa's pinched tone in the high register, but the C minor, Op 101, was delivered with real ferocity, the violinist (Höbarth) actually leaving his seat at times.

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EDINBURGH FRINGE The Fever, Traverse Theatre

Clare Coulter talks for 90 minutes on a black stage and makes you feel both impressed and ashamed. And all without raising her voice. By Adrian Turpin



Feel guilty, very guilty. Yes, you: Clare Coulter goes for the liberal's jugular in 'The Fever'

f there's heen a better production on this year's Fringe than Wallace Shawn's The Fever, performed by the Canadian Clare opening her door one morning to find a copy of Das Kapital wrapped in brown paper on her doorstep). It works by continually implicating the audience in a silent crime. When Coul-Coulter, then I'll eat my copy of the Communist Manifesto. A silver-haired, middle-aged woman, dressed entirely in hlack, sits oo a hlack chair in the middle of a bare hlack stage, and talks without interruption for 90 minutes. She carries with ter uses the word "yon", it's oot addressed directly at the audience but to some imagined companion or to herself. But Shawn knows that his audience is likely to be middle-class and liberal Holorowski and incompanion or to herself. her a glass of water and a piece of paper as she eoters, but neither reads nor drinks. Coulter rarely raises her voice, and yet no one could accuse her delivery of being monotone or soporific. Instead it's full of subtle inflections, the soft sale eral. He knows their weak spots, so that each "you" rings like an accusation: "Have you ever had any poor friends?"; "Your

life is another example of getting away with something". When Coulter does stop talking - for 10, maybe 20 seconds and rises of geoteel East Coast America, which both mask and the silence is heavy with guilt: strangely, it feels more like highlight the terrible nature of what Shawn's play has to say. being in church than in a theatre. Yet the play oever leaves one with the sense of being hectored. Shawn's writing is too unshowy for that, and the character he has created is too full In a poverty-stricken country teeming with revolution, Coulter's character starts by describing how she wakes shivering of inner conflict. "I know what I like," she says: warmth, cosiin a hotel room, and crawls to the bathroom. She bas a fever. oess, pleasure, love, mail, Matisse paintings, hearty. Her political fervour is punctuated by sensuous recollections of parties and halloons and delicately wrapped children's gifts.

She's at once thrilled and ashamed, just as The Fever leaves But the story she tells is of a different kind of malady, namely the numbness that overwhelms her as she realises the inequalities of wealth between poor and rich, the Third World and the First, "The life I live," she says, "is irredeemably corrupt, it has oo justification." Every moment of luxury and comfort

you thrilled and ashamed to be sitting in a snug theatre on a cold evening in a prosperous district of a western European city.

> Traverse Theatre, Cambridge St. Final performance 2.15pm today (0131-228 1404)

THEATRE

The Heidi Chronicles **Greenwich Theatre**

Wasserstein's women: older but still wisecracking. By Paul Taylor

here's a school of Broadway writing that has a wise crack dispenser and an audience ingratiation manual where it's heart should be. On the evidence of The Sisters Rasensweig, which had its British premiere at Greenwich two years ago, it seemed that Wendy Wasserstein was of this ilk. The Heidi Chronicles, an earlier play now unveiled in David Taylor's engaging production at the same address, suggests that we'll have to revise that estimate. It reveals a less slick and much more likeable side to Wasserstein's talent.

True, the basic unit of conversation is still the elever quip, and relentless bantering can make the characters sound shallow rather than brightly combative; the heroine says of the baby she's adopted that "there's a little collection or the baby she's adopted that "there's a little cellulite on the toes but by the time she's 20 they'll be doing toe tucks at Elizabeth Arden." Yet,

they'll be doing toe tucks at Entabeth Patenthe the spirit of the piece is supple and appealing.

Jumping about in time between Chicago in 1965, with Heidi at her first high school dance, and New York in 1989, when Heidi, now an art professor, opts for single adoptive motherhood, the play charts the foreign of the Bake Becomes generation from the hevefortunes of the Baby Boomer generation from the hey-day of Sixties radicalism through the disenchantments of the Seventies and the cyncism of the Eighties.

There's a wry affection as well as an alertness to the ridiculous in Wasserstein's writing. She refuses to disown or act superior to the experiences that have shaped ber - unlike some of Heidi's friends, such as the once-militant feminist turned West Coast executive producer who winds up commissioning vacuous site producer who winds up commissioning vacuous site on should tough girls on the town. What oppresses Heidi is the increasing competitiveness among women. It's as if they have copied the worst aspects of men: "I thought the point was that we were all in this together," she tells an alumnae group.

But the play never really questions whether the envy of the young may not play a part in these feelings. In certain respects, having Susannah Harker play Heidi renders her predicament harder to understand. Radiantly greetly and English-looking, her bland, blonde

antly pretty and English-looking, her hland, hlonde lustre apparently undimmed by the passage of some 24 years, she seems too conventionally attractive for a character who would make more sense if her physical charms were less obvious. Charlie Edwards and Peter Polycarpou are both excellent as the two men who recur in her life, respectively a gay paediatriciao and a radical lawyer who sells out and starts publishing a glossy magazine called Boomer. The need for an upbeat ending (Ms Wasserstein is no Caryl Churchill) dictates that there should be hints of resurgeot political idealism in the lawyer and that Heidi should have a baby. She holds the infant out and declares: "a hero-ine for the millennium". Talk about parental pressure; this child, one assumes, is already in therapy.

TELEVISION Safe and Sound (BBC1)

Jasper Rees wonders just how many more cheerfully absurd plotlines can be woven into this charming Celtic whimsy

chased at somebody else's expense.

whimsy from the hyperactive drama department of BBC Northern Ireland, the show has more than its place of origio in common with Ballykissangel. Like Kieran Preodiville, author of Ballykissangel, Timothy Prager can lay claim to not a milligram of Irish blood.

As if pioning the place down were out hard enough already, the lostitution and failure of the ceasefire put its own spanner in the works. Safe and Sound was conceived before the IRA laid down their Semtex, commissioned

When a woman in part four of Safe and Sound is described as "a bit of a character", she's only come down with the condition everyone else has had since episode one. Another cockle-warming ladleful of Celtic episode one one cockle-warming ladleful of Celtic episode one cockle-warming ladleful of ruo (down) a garage togetber, the bumhling Catholic
Tommy (Des McAleer) is properly sceptical about the
durahility of the peace. Wheo he has to care for a queru
Prager's resistance levels to the weak Chaplinesque sight lous dog at the garage he huilds a protective "peace line" of spare tyres to keep the mutt at bay. Dougie (Sean McGinley), meanwhile, has far-fetched amhitions in love and in husioess: he sees in his pathetically unrequired pash for Tommy's sister Eleanor the chance to hridge the sectarian gap.

is only possible by a wilful hlindness to the fact that it is pur-

The Fever is, in many ways, a deeply unfashiooable piece. It's a sparkling Marxist-inspired polemic (the woman recalls

gag are also dangerously low. But much of the humour is more satisfactorily oblique, and powered by a refreshing hrand of chirpy sarcasm. Wheo Dougie discovers that a man has been chewing the fat in Eleanor's bedroom, be wants to know what happeoed: "Do yoo want me to draw you a picture?" says Tommy.

tleoess of the relatiooship is a narrative strength. On-off romances are the very life-blood of long-running serials. You do wonder, though, how many cheerfully absurd plot-lines Prager can sew into this basic fabric.

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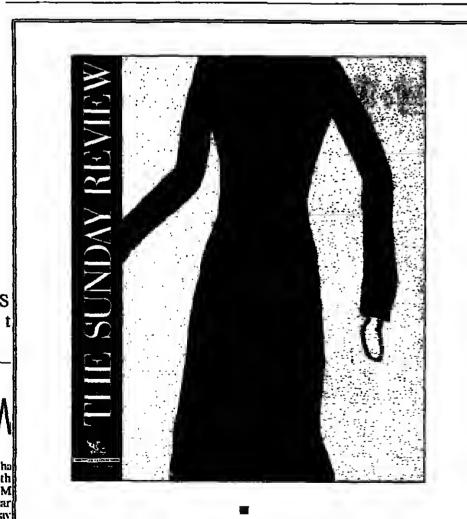
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Last night's ended with a web of conversational misunderstandings. Though a theatrical conceit, it was as cleverly filmed, and indeed writteo, as anything out of Jon Byrne, the high priest of Celtic whimsy, to whom all practitioners of whatever nationality make obeisance.

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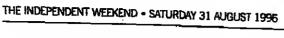
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IN TOMORROW'S INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY





Getting familiar with the witchfinder general

Jan Morris finds there is little to choose between old-fashioned black magic and its contemporary counterpart

Instruments of Darkness: Witchcraft io England 1550-1750 by James Sharpe, Hamilton, £25

hat is sometimes forgotten," says the author of this learned and enthralling book, is that the trial of Jane Wenham for witchcraft in 1712 "provoked an active pamphlet debate". Well, yes, I had momentarily forgotten that, and Dr Sharpe goes on to mention many another incidental of witchcraft that had unaccountably slipped my memory: the story of the flasher-JP John Gooders for instance who are arread exhibition him. John Goodere, for instance, who ran around exhibiting him-self during the examination of a witch in 1716, or the accusations against Maude Twogoode the revolutionary enchantress, or the case of "Gregson the north tale teller one of them 3 that stole the Earl of Northumberlandes heade from one of the turrettes at York". Why, I had even forgotten that demoniae ferrets, toads and Satanic humhlebees were among witches' chosen familiars!

Yet for all its astonishing range of esoteric reference and example, much of Instruments of Darkness struck me as disconcertingly familiar. It concerns witchcraft in England between 1550, when the first anti-witch statute had lately been promulgated, and 1750 when the last statute had recently been repealed. Englanders 300 years ago were "neither particularly stupid nor particularly wicked". They worked, as the historians say, within the mind-set of the time, and most of them were animated by genuine fear, honest religious conviction, and a sense of duty. Nor were they always cruel. Most alleged witches were acquitted, many more got off with light sentences, and, contrary to popular legend, probably not more than 500 were executed.

Sharpe is adamant that witch-persecution in England was not, as some feminists imply, part of the cosmic male conspiracy against women - most prosecutions in fact began with women accusing women. It is true, though, that the vast majority of supposed witches were female, perhaps because the realm of the occult was one sphere in which women were able to command some degree of power. All too often witches were poor old ladies, stooped and bent not with evil hut with poverty and age, cherishing their cats and dogs not as agents of the devil, but as friends in their loneliness. They were reviled and hated because they were different; the growths of old age on their bodies were supposed to be the teats by which their familiars sucked their blood; and often enough, no doubt, genuine fear of their powers led to genuine bewitchment.

But has the popular mind-set really changed? Time and again, as I read this scrupulously balanced work of scholarship, I was reminded of contemporary parallels. Anorexia and bulimia sound to me remarkably like what our forebears would have called "Possession" - inexplicable depression, vomiting and wasting away, popularly attributed to witchcraft but often, as even some 17th-century observers realized, brought on by a young woman's psychological need for love and attention. The old belief in the beneficent powers of "white witches", and for that matter in the malicious powers of black ones, was no different in kind from today's widespread trust in faith bealers. For the old rumours of pers about internet forums of Satanists.



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Then again the attitudes of different parts of society have not greatly shifted. By the nature of things much of the religious establishment is as superstitious now as it was then. It may not be so intolerant of heresy, but it is still prepared to exorcise demons with mumbo-jumbo, and to accept the existence of an Evil Being: John Wesley himself used to argue that denying the reality of witchcraft meant denying the reality of the Devil. Then as now, for the most part the English judiciary did its best to play fair. Supposed witches were often given the benefit of the doubt, intellectual honesty overcame legalism and populist elamour: "there is no law against flying", bravely pronounced Sir John Powell, when poor Jane Wenham ("a fairly typical witch", says Dr Sbarpe) was accused of habitually whizzing about the night skies. Even in the 16th century defamation suits were popexpensive in the courts.

Petty authority, by and large, seems to mc just as loveless today as it was in the days of the witch-hunts. Sleep deprivation, one of the methods of making witches confess, bas not gone out of fashion among modern torturers, and many a police interrogator, I do not doubt, would like to be able to throw a suspect into a pond to see if she sank or floated, or to keep her naked on a stool in the middle of the interrogation room for two or three days at a time. There is nothing anaehronistic about the £4. 7s charged for "diet and wine" by the indefatigable wilchinvestigator Mattbew Hopkins, when he was on the job in Aldeburgh in 1646.

Worst and most obvious of all, nothing much has changed in the attitudes of the rabble. Mob-influence seems rful three centuries a too often began in local gossip and malicious innuendo, and still the witch-hunters we have to guard against.

prying, suspicious, envinus or contemptuous neighbours were generally the first infurmants - the very people who would now get on to the hut line to dennunce a social security infringment. They were abetted by zealot-priests or selfimportant local officials, just as they are now inflamed or supported by the loutish tabloid press. They howled, gaped and swore at alleged witches just as they now spit their hatred at alleged sex offenders. They demanded executions as they now call for ever heavier prison sentences. They were encouraged by just the same purveyors of the occult as now feed their appetites for fortune-telling and nonsensical

And the witches themselves? I would guess that some old ladies still stick pins in images of their la-di-da neighbours. covens of witches in woodland sabbat, read the new whis- ular - too carelessly calling somebody a witeb could prove is in contemporary Britain. The persecution of witches all ling their toads at midnight. They are no danger to us. It is

Snap, crackle and pop

Four hundred years of speculation surrounds the Fifth of November conspiracy. Amanda Foreman welcomes a masterly investigation

Alas hut cannot belp or pardon..."
This pessimistic meditation res- in 1605 by Antonia Fraser onates throughout Antonia Fraser's landmark hook on the Gunpowder Weidenfeld, £28 Plot. There is no comfort, she says, in the "heavy and doleful tragedy" of 1605, no lesson except to remember that the

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past is true understanding.
The Gunpowder Plot has been the subject of controversy for almost 400 the justified act of a persecuted minority? Fraser argues that the answer to all

these questions, is: both. However, she is no crypto-sympa-thiser of rebel insurgents who kill or maim innocent people. If Guy Fawkes had succeeded in igniting the 36 barrels they were more persecuted than the of gunpowder beneath the Houses of Jews in Europe. It was punishable hy Parliament, hundreds of people would have died and hundreds more been injured. The Fifth of November was the children in a Catholic school, or to Opening of Parliament, the day when move more than five miles from one's the entire political, religious and legal establishment of England and Wales to attend Anglican church or to swear would be gathered under one roof. The plotters knew that the Catholic peers in from all public office and liable to con-

istory, wrote WH Auden, "may say The Gunpowder Plat: Terror and Faith

sole pardon we can give to crimes of the the House would also die in the blast. Robert Catesby, the instigator and leader of the plot, justified this act of terror with an explanation which has years. Was the outcome a success or since been echoed by every terrorist and noble failure? Were the 13 conspirators revolutionary around the world. They martyrs or terrorists? Was it treason or had to do it because, "the nature of the disease required so sharp a remedy."

British Catholics were not only a weak minority but were hecoming weaker. Since their heyday under Queen Mary they had seen their rights and freedoms reduced until many felt death to be a Catholic priest, illegal to residence. A recusant, one who refused



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All the conspirators:

Catesby, Fawkes and

Catholicism had disappeared among the poorer sort and was largely confined

to the gentry and aristocracy. The plotters were almost all sons of Catholic gentry and in their mid-30s. rule rather than less. He announced his The quictism of their parents' genera-tion merely roused their disgust; the widespread practice of gifts and hribes

"detestation" of the papist religion and with these words sparked the first anti-government violence of the Stuart to those in power seemed sordid to Catesby rather than practical. His hope that a Catholic monarchy might yet come to pass died when the Scottish Presbyterian James I ascended the throne in 1603. A few agreed with him hut the majority were content to wait matches and oil at the ready. It took

viction and heavy fines. By 1600, on toleration would be followed by deeds. By 1604 they were disappointed. The King accused his Catholie subjects of betrayal since they seemed to grow more numerous under his benevolent era. Already decided in what he had to do, Catesby had little difficulty in find-

ing partners for his crime.

Guy Fawkes was not the most important conspirator but he was the first to be discovered, skulking in the cellar with and see whether his pronouncements three days of torture to break his will.

Yet it was not he who betrayed the group but Lord Muunteagle, a relation of one of the conspirators. Some historians have argued that James I's anti-Catholic chief minister, Lord Cecil, knew of the plan and used the plotters for his own purcase that Mounteagle and Cecil together composed the famous anonymous cryptogram which Cecil then showed to the King, supposedly to ask his advice. However, she denies that Cecil's putative involvement makes the conspirators

victims; the idea to kill was theirs alone. The second point to remember is that the explosion did not happen. Whether one sees the conspirators as deluded idealists or cruel fanatics before the event. by the time of the trial they were sad, hroken men pleading for their families and friends to be spared. Sir Everard Digby, who had joined the plotters only two weeks before, begged that his wife and children should not be driven into the streets to starve. The prosecutor answered with a quotation from the Bible, "let his wife be a widow, his children vagabonds, let his posterity be destroyed, and in the next generation let his name be quite put out.".

Retribution against Catholics was swift and severe. More offences were created, further disabilities enacted. and nminously, the Crown was given the right to sequesier two-thirds of property belonging to recusant families. poses. Antunia Frascr examines these Instead of destroying Parliament the arguments, and makes a convincing platters had destroyed every last bit of good faith hetween Catholies and Protestants, and bonded the former to over 200 years of legal persecution.

Every few years a work of history appears that succeeds in ennnecting its subject to the deeper questions troubling modern society. This is one such book. Beautifully written, it is also scholarly, thoughtful, and above all

In her conclusion, Fraser quotes from Nelson Mandela's defence at the Rivoni Trial nf 1964. "I did not plan [sabotage] in a spirit of recklessness or because I have any love of violence. I planned it as a result of a calm and sober assessment of the political situation that had arisen after many years of tyranny, explnitation and oppression of my people." As for Robert Catesby. Guy Fawkes, and the others, Fraser asks the reader to condemn them, yes, hut also to pity them.

The spy who went after the gold

Donald Cameron Watt reads a shameful story of behind-the-lines warfare

Christopher Creighton, whose real name, the book-jacket informs us, is U John Christopher Ainsworth Davis, has written a thumping yarn. His model is less Ian Fleming's James Bond than the

late Alastair Maclean. Mr Creighton claims from adolescence to have been befriended by Von Ribbentrop, Lord Mountbatten (a college friend of his father), Major Desmond Morton, Churchill's friend and head of the Industrial Intelligence Centre, and by Churchill himself, when he and his mother rented

a cottage on the Chartwell estate. Morton recruited our hero, age 16, via Dartmouth into his ultra-secret "M-section", in March 1940. He was sent almost immediately to destroy a German submarine base in Ireland where be killed of the Swiss bank where Nazi war loot

1942, posing as a disaffected ex-Mosleyite pilot officer he betrayed the disastrous Dieppe operation to the Germans to establish his bona fides with them Back in Britain, he was used by Morton to persuade Hitler that the Allied invasion of Europe would focus on the Pas de Calais rather than Normandy. Morton betrayed his identity as a British agent to the SS so that under torture he would confirm the story, which he thought to he true. Rescued by his colleagues in the M-section, he returned to

Britain, where he fell in love. His inamorata was dropped into the Austrian Tyrol by SOE where Austrian resistance members gave her the name

four men, three with his bare hands. In OP JB: The Last Great Secret of the Second World War by Christopher Creighton, Simon & Schuster, £14.99

> had been deposited. She was caught by the SS, tortured and executed. Hearing this, our hero tried to shoot Morton. Thereafter, Ian Fleming recruited him to the mission which is the main theme of the book: the recovery of the cash, gold, jewellery and works of art that the Nazis had stashed outside Germany. The mission involved him re-establishing contact

from Germany.

plans and attached his own agent, a gungthe Soviet Commissar enabled the British to bluff their way past various Soviet forces they encountered. A douhle for Bormann was discovered in contact with Germans, including the Canada and taken on the mission, to be sacrificed so that his body would be taken for Bormann's. Ribbentrop pulled out of the adventure, Bormann was rescued and

taken to Britain where he later died. A rattling good yarn? Certainly. der of the German forces in Italy. was Believahle? Hardly. The author has betrayed. Successive British govern-

and Martin Bormann, and for a befty recent row over the Anglo-Swiss nego- from them. Britain rescued and hid a hribe, agreeing to arrange their escape tiations on German funds in Swiss banks, provoked by American declassification. Eisenhower became aware of these came too late for him. He is unaware too of the remarkable detective work by the hofemale officer, whose ability to play American writer. Lynn H Nicholas, on the

fate of the Nazi war loot. It is also a shameful story. Churchill who for four years had forbidden any anti-Hitler conspirators, is shown dealing with Ribbentrop and Bormann for the recovery of the German gold, Stalin, who blew his top on discovering Allen Dulles' attempt to negotiate the surrenwith Ribbentrop, entering Germany via done his best to match his story with what Switzerland, meeting both Ribbentrop has been published, but not enough. The switzerland, meeting both Ribbentrop has been published, but not enough. The sound in the wealth and property he had robbed so much unbelievable as unforgiveable.

man condemned to death at Nuremberg. The Canadians were deliberately led into their massacre at Dieppe. And one last tnuch - our hero claims

to have bluwn up the Dutch submarine which had ubserved the Japanese fleet en route for Pearl Harbour and signalled a warning, so that Roosevelt's abandonment of the American Pacific fleet to destruction should never become known. Mr Ainsworth Jones has chosen to hlacken the honour both of Churchill and of this country, and to sow renewed hitterness against us with the victims of the Holocaust, with Canada, with Ireland, with the Netherlands and with the United States. This, even in fiction, is not

Mutineers without bounty

Frank McLynn reviews a sober account of the bloodlust that characterised the Indian Mutiny

f the three great atrocines in the history of the British Raj - the Black Hole of Calcutta (1757). Cawnpore (1857) and Chilianwallah (1919) - it can he said that the British obtained ample revenge for the first two hut the Indians never visited their wrath on the British for the last one. in a remarkably even-handed book, Andrew Ward retells the story of Cawinore: how after a siege of the entrenched camp, the Mahratta leader Nana Sahib tricked the exhausted defenders into surrender on a promise of safe conduct and then massacred them; and how when the British relievretaliation the British matched atrocity for atrocity.

sensational book, deeply researched in private archives and county record offices. Yet the story of debased humanity it tells still has the power to shock 20th-century readers. Ward spares us none of the gruesome detail of mutilation, decapitation, torture, hangings, eviscerations and cholera. As is fairly well known, the British Army's way with the sepoy rebels was not notable for compassion. Bearded Highlanders forced beef down Hindu throats and pork into Moslem mouths;

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Our Booes are Scattered: The Cawnpore Massacres and the Indiao Mutiny of 1857 by Andrew Ward Joho Murray, £25

the Mahrattas were smeared with cow's blood before being executed; Brahmins were forced to lick up the blood of their victims from the floor and were then hanged by untouch-ables; the most fortunate sepoys were blown from the mouths of cannons so that their scattered remains would ing force defeated his army and closed in on Cawnpore, Nana had 200 British women and children captives butchered in the most horrible way. In equate ropes.

Ward is fascinating on the subject of This is a snber-sided rather than the demons from the Victorian unconscious and the British conviction that rape really was a fate worse than death. Caught between the power of their own libido and their absurd cult of female virginity and "pure" womanbood, Victorian males in their paranoia could not imagine that their ladies could have been held captive by the sepoys without being raped. Although Hindus usually thought the feringhee female unclean (accounting to their religion, the unclean (according to their religion, the British in general were lower than the lowest untouchable), and would have enough about the deep causes of the depth of research - but at vital points sion with Cawnpore.



regarded sexual contact as defilement. the British used the tiny handful of actual violations to create a myth of mass rape on their wives and daughters. Part of the insane blood lust that

ioned a definitive account. But his book is unhalanced, as there is not

Mutiny or the reasons for its failure. If the whole of India had mutinied, the British would indeed have been swept into the sea, as Nana Sahib threatened. But the rebellion was centred on Oudh, never caught fire nationwide and was bedevilled by tribal, religious and political differences. Moslem and Hindu rebels barely collaborated, and the Sikhs were vociferous in their pro-British loyalty and hatred of the Mahrattas. Once again the British

triumphed through divide and rule. Ward's book is a terrific read - no

Mntiny hut has thrown away the mean feat when one considers the chance through a monographic obses-

Mary Evans Picture Library dealing with events away from his chosen theatre, especially at Lucknow, the narrative lacks clarity. There are times when, unless one has a good back-ground knowledge of the successive sieges of Lucknow, Ward's history barely makes sense. To an extent, therefore, one has to conclude that the author has been dragged down by the weight of his own research on one particular siege and its aftermath. Ward clearly had it within his grasp to write the definitive history of the Indian

Goodbye Kenny, it's nice to see you back

Roger Clarke on the anarchic tendencies and lonely death of the altar-boy who never grew up

Poor old Kenny Everett, he had a in the Best Pessible Taste: he didn't like himself. "The start-ling truth is," writes David Lister in his somewhat damning biography, "that in the three months before he died, not half a dozen people came to visit. Only Bloomsbury, £16.99 ightly more telephoned. Can this be the same Kenny Everett who was and childlike: it was only the need to friend of the stars, and a star in his own right, his Eighties television series reg-

ularly netting 15 million viewers? He was pretty much broke as well. When he died of Aids (from the same vector that infected Freddie Mercury and Rudolph Nureyev, we learn) he had no assets other than his flat and BMW. His insurance company had refused to pay out for his treatments, and he was finding solace in deathbed confessions made to a Catholic priest. After all those years a part of him was still that Liverpudlian altar-boy who was sent, aged 12, to become a priest at a college that trained missionaries

to convert the heathen African. He lived the life of a sinner in the tabloid sense, though, as Paul Gam-haccini has noted. Everett seemed virtually tabloid proof. Nn exposé of sham marriages and ménages-à-trois with mnustachioed Russian soldiers and their moustuchioed Spanish boyfriends could dent his extraordinary

protect him that kept his long-suffering wife Lee Middleton "married" to him for 14 years, at a considerable cost to her own happiness.

From the beginning, Maurice Cole (his real name) was a peculiar and isolated youth - but hardly an unhappy one, as he later liked to make out. He was also a bit of a nerd, preferring from his teenage years right up till his death to he in his studio dreaming up soundeffects with kitchen implements, rather than going out with friends. The only friend who really stuck by him was his Everett: a bit of a nerd bank-manager, they went for walking

holidays together in the north country. Everett "loathed" his body, and wanted to "cure" himself of his homosexuality. He became addicted to sleeping pills and cocaine. His five or so sackings and botched contracts with radio and television companies were partly evidence of his anarchic tendencies. But they were also examples of his utter carelessness with himself



of his talent and the source of his downfall, lack of earnings, and eventually even his death.

It's worth remembering what he had been: that astonishing, sparkling talent. Everett's career reflects the history of modern radio broadcasting - from pirate DJ, to early Radio 1, to early Capital Radio, a station that huilt its successful formula round his popularity. There was something about and everyone connected to him. His ideas. He was once the trendiest of the stuffy establishments and then that was immensely appealing lack of worldliness was both the source Radio Caroline DJs, becoming the with a peal of camp laughter.

virtual mascot of the Beatles, who wrote jingles for his shows. "Goodbye Kenny, it's nice to see you back. Good-bye Kenny, we hear you've got the sack" was one of them, sung by the Fab Four during a particularly hilarious interview on Radio 1. He introduced the "personality" into DJ-ing that was almost the death of Radio 1, thereby proving he was almost the only person who could get away with it.

It seems that he hated doing television: but since he had alienated Thames TV, and found the BBC too constrictive to work for, he had run out of options. By the end of his life he had reached another of his troughs; but who knows what would have happened? Lister notes that Kenny Everett had the idea for "Talking Books" long before anyone else, planning to get Michael Aspel into a studio to record novels for people to "listen to in their cars". Lister notes that this was another brilliant idea gone to waste.

It's hard to judge from this book whether Everett's life was wasted too; when there is in the end so little to show for it - no videos in the newsagents, like his very rich fellow comedians. But that was the nature of what he did: he was always the spirit of Puck to the BBC's Ariel, an irreverence that whirled through some very stuffy establishments and then vanished

Sowing his seed in the garden

Alex Ivanovitch is assaulted by two hyperactive first novels

That force majeure of the media world. Sap Rising by A A Gill A.A.Gill has written his first novel. Sap Rising is a renovated farce for Doubleday, £15.99 our decade, the story of a love affair and a minor conflict over the use of a communal garden. Like most farces, it is also about sex, class and shit (and all that appertains to it - haemorrhoids. constipation, diarrhoea, mueus etc). Generally speaking. English farce pre-sents the underbelly of middle-class life, but in no particularly threatening way, and makes use of a coy, centripetal language (innuendo. double entendre) that revolves around the sexual without ever actually touching upon it. Expositions and revelations are carefully arranged, and only after a busy preliminary foreplay of entrances and exits will the farce reveal its still heart (adulterous husband in closet, trousers round ankles or in drag). One thing we expect from the farce we know is the conjunction of humour and sex - what is required is sex disarmed, sex stripped of brutality and danger.

But Gill's book is not keen on indirection, and very keen on brutality. Sap Rising presents us with a West London square-ful of hypertrophied characters, who are all husy feuding and having who are all husy feuding and having everything else; unfortumtely the Goodwin has Angel. Philip Kovaes has unnatural sex. Buchan Gardens is actress and the Alsatian are fully grown Babalu. Bahalu is a Brazilian expatrihome to Charles Goodwin, timid. and unrelated but you can't have ate and a character cut in the same full potential.

The Hat of Victor Noir by Adrian Mathews. Fourth Estate, £8.99

unassertive, our sap-hero, misogynist Stephen and his nasty lover, Vernun, Angel, the gardener. Lily the wannabe Saigon street urchin, foul-mouthed colonialist Bryony and others.
It is not so much the public lives and

conflicts of these characters that interest Gill, as what happens off-stage. Sap Rising is all exposition: its depiction of sexual excess is remorseless and explicit. Sandwiched between the huggery and troilism is a graphic hestial (homosexual) rape; poor Vernon Barnstaple gets on the wrong side of a neighbour's dog. This has almost all the bases covered - an earlier scene of bestial necrophilia in which a dead actress is given a final seeing to (and sending off) by the same dog covers almost

everything. In times gone by, books justified their grossnesses in the name of duty – the exposition and condemnation about them. Our uneasy, rather pastion of vice. This being the Nineties, Sap Rising offers itself as an affirmation of excess, and ends with an ecoidyll of Green solidarity.

Books may have no need to justify themselves but farces need to he funny. And this is a book that solicits our laughter often quite aggressively. At times Sap Rising even tries to provoke uneasy laughter, that troubled complicity that is often the comedian's revenge on his audience for his dependence on them. But this book's prob-

lem is simply that it isn't very funny.

Adrian Mathews's first novel. The
Hat of Victor Noir, has its affinities with Gill's Sap Rising. Philip Kovacs, teacher and dilettante intellectual, begins the novel as a divorcé and ends reconciled with his wife and young child. In between, however, the poor man finds himself the subject of some unwanted attention from a mysterious and predntory woman who stalks him through the streets of Paris. Mathews, like Gill, makes much of an all-important male relationship: where Charles Goodwin has Angel, Philip Kovaes has sive heroes approach redemption through their dealings with these men, who are simple, in the know, and in touch with nature.

The Hat of Victor Noir, like most first novels, wears its aspirations on its sleeve. This is a book that would like to be intelligent, subtle, playful; it aspires to a little intellectual iridescence. The world it conjures up gestures towards Kafka: it wants to be the site of odd coincidences and dreamlike improbabilities, and to evoke a gloomy, grey Paris that eludes its unresponsive hero.

Unfortunately, it sounds all too often like a bad thriller: "pause, expla-nation! (thump)", and the pages are sprinkled with glib couplings of the "grim smile", "wizened crone" sort. Bad also are lines like "Cognition and cognac were cognate terms" and the linguistic ringing of the changes on "white" that closes the novel jarrs. This is a haunted book, and the absent presence of which we are always aware is not Kovacs's stalker, nor the ghost of Culture, hut what might have been had this promising first novel achieved its



LUCKY JIM (1954) by Kingsley Amis

Plot: Jim Dixon lectures in history incompetently at a provincial university. He needs to secure terrate by placating Professor Welch, an arts and crafts fan. Dixon's loose entanglement with his grimly insistent colleague Margaret is tightened by her recent suicide attempt. The Welches invite Dixon for a weekend of recorder blowing and cod-medievalism. Dixon crosses Bertrand, Welch's son. Bertrand's companion, Christine, proves a compulsive attraction. Bertrand uses Christine to promote himself with her rich uncle Gore-Urqhart. Now mutually attracted, Dixon and Christine are enmeshed with pseudo-responsibilities for others. Dixon's public lecture on "Merric England" forms the climax of the book. In from of an audience seething with dignitaries, he rubbishes Welch, the Principal and the tawdry ideal of "Merrie England". Gore-Urqhart offers Dixon a well paid job. Dixon discovers Margaret's attempted suicide was fraudulent. Christine realises Bertrand is a liar and opts for Jim. Dixon mutates into Lucky Jim.

Theme: The individual's search for "mental and emotional integrity". Amis won't accept that morality means pity and self-sacrifice. The world is godless and unfair.

Style: The prose aims for the truth rather than beauty. The deliberately clumsy besitations and back-tracking suggest the effort required to be honest.

Chief Strengths: Dodges Victorian solemnity and harks back to the serious farces of Fielding and Smollett. Amis's prescient vision of England and its cultural pretension retains its sharpness. The best hangover in literature: "His mouth had been used as a lattine by some small creature of the night and then as its mausoleum."

Chief Weakness: Amis needs a "dead" central character to propel the story. Christine is too nice, too beautiful, too innocent to be true.

What they thought of it then: Eventually a bestseller, chucking Amis into the role of Angry Young Man.

What we think of it now: Amis's deuth harvested a dearth of intelligent comment. Patronised as a purveyor of right-wing absurdities. Amis's high seriousness was ignored. He is certain to emerge as the leading post-war British novelist.

Responsible for: The creation of the campus novel, as opposed to the Brideshead version of university life with its punting and plovers' eggs.



Who's reading whom

Michael Ridpath, whose 'Trading Reality' is published this week by Heinemann, is deep in computer history

t was not so much the smooth businessmen as the nonconformists with idiosyncratic ideas who delivered the goods when I was a venture capitalist. Bob Cringely's Accidental Empires (Penguin) proves the point again in his compelling history of the personal computer. Like many great inventions, the PC happened by mistake, in the garages of 19-year-old kids. IBM, despite their huge resources, were left standing. The phenomenon of personal computers belongs to the Eighties. The question now is whether virtual reality will have the same effect in the millennium."



Audiobooks Swang's Way read by Simon Callow John Rowe

t is a publishing truism that a hundred times as many copies of the first volume of Proust's great masterpiece A la recherche du tensps perdu are sold for every one of the last. On tape, purists will go for the excellent full-length version read with measured resonance by John Rowe (Cover to Cover, 10hrs 15 mins, £24.99). For those with less patience, a frenchified Simon Callow (HarperCollins, 6hrs, £12.99) delivers with much lingering longing. But it is the shortest version, read with panache and amused energy by Neville Jason (Naxos, 4hrs, £7.99) that brings to life the dappled sunlight and snobhish pretensions of Proust's childhood most vividly. Christina Hardyment

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to go into the chunk of a book is packed with staggering achievements hy a cast of scarcely credible characters, ranging from the mysterious pioneer, Col (a tartan turban) and had to clamp "a pair of steel pincers round his guller" to facilitate drinking following a throat Younghusband, who continued

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Keay knows the territory well

and tells his tales with great

£8.99) Perhaps Lewis's finest work, this stylish



by Joseph (Faber, £5.99) Lightning never strikes twice, except in the Breeze family.

suburban Irish family that survives two weeks of to those of a ocurotic cast of mind. Car accideots, late by the end of the novel has for the troubled warmth of family life, and the perils of stepping outside. The luck of the Irish has never been worse.

Reidy (Black Swan, £5.99) Yet another novel

up Catholic, but at least its setting, Sixties New Zealand, makes a refreshing change. Catherine and Theresa Flynn are obsessed by the lives of the saints, and spend many hours recreating their bloody deaths in the back yard. But it's only when the Virgin Mary actually appears to them (with rosebuds between her toes and a message for the Pope about contraception) that the girls start to take their vocation as martyrs seriously. Religious kitsch and Kiwi provincialism hang in the air like the after-smell of Mrs Flynn's muttoo chops.

King David by Allan Massie (Scentre. £6,99) Allan Massie's biblical epie about the life and

> reads like a really bad B-movie. Everyone speaks in an archiac tongue more appropriate tn Star Trek aliens, and it's almost impossible to keep a handle oo all the characters (Doeg the Edomite, Achish of Gath and Adonijah the Goatskin) without frequent reference to the book's daunting "List of Characters". A few passages detailing the "good, not evil" passion that exists between David and Jonathan, son of Saul, occasionally peps up the proceedings, but even the slaying of Goliath manages to

Flesh and Blood by Michael Cunningham (Penguin, £6.99) In this generational

novel of the Stassos family of New Jersey there is the usual litary of American

woes: Homecoming Queens, incest, divorce, valium addiction and tract housing. But somehow Cunningham manages to keep the clouds of dysfunction sufficiently whippy to maintain reader interest well after 1958.

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Avant-garde sex life of an old-fashioned artist

Michael Holroyd makes a second attempt to rescue the reputation of one of England's most flamboyant painters. David Sweetman reports

Augustus John: The New Biography by Michael Holroyd

Chatto, £25

ichael Holroyd's two-volume biography of Augustus John, first published 20 years ago, was a fail-ure. Not in publishing terms – the books appeared to loud critical acclaim, became bestsellers and are still considered a triumph of the biographer's art. But for their subject they achieved nothing. Since 1974, John's reputation has plummeted, he was excluded from the Royal Academy's 1987 survey of British Art in the Twentieth Century and passed over in the recent television study of our visual culture by the Independent's art critic Andrew Graham-Dixon. While the Tate owns John's works, only "The Smiling Women", a powerful portrait of his mistress Dorelia, can be seen as part of the current re-hang. Even the imposing image of the cellist Madame Suggia, which dominated one of the galleries when I first visited the Tate in the Fifties, has been confined to the cellars.

It would be nice to report that Holroyd has now combined his two books and added some new material in order to help reverse this decline but the additions are not very important and the exercise seems to have been more a question of fiddling with the writing - the author burnishing his own image rather than that of his subject. The cover says it all: Holroyd's name is in larger print than John's, an acknowledgement by the publisher that the biographer is betterknown than the artist and to make sure we get the point there is oow a long preface outlining his labours: the subtle skills needed to handle surviving relatives, the titiliating fact that Holroyd likes to write in bed.

All this takes up more space than is devoted to explaining the paintings. Indeed we are told so little about John's work in the first half of the book that it is difficult to see why he was accepted as a genius by so many of his contemporaries even while he was at the Slade. We are told that his drawings were marvellous, if a little old fashioned, which makes it even harder to imagine what Virginia Woolf meant when she referred to the period as "the age of Augustus John" and even harder still to see why so many older artists considered him a dangerous poseur.

Holroyd tries to sidestep such criticism by asserting in his preface that his is a biography and not an art book, as if the inner world of an artist's work can be divorced from his everyday doings. There are certainly some advantages in this approach as it leaves him free to concentrate on the period and the milieu that John inhabited and prompts an unforgettable reconstruction of the narrow London art-world at the turn of the century, with the New England Art Club, of which John was a leading light, holding a meeting in 1904 to quibble over whether Lucien Pissarro, a foreigner, could be admitted to membership - and this at a time when the Dowdall who shocked Liverpool society by walking barefoot in the mud and whose awful jokes were said to have emptied the drawing rooms of Edwardian England.

But such concision is absent when it comes to the main thrust of the book, much of which is given over to accounts of John's irregular family life - the ootorious ménage-à-trois, the idly conceived children scattered everywhere so that even Dorelia found it hard to say with certainty which belonged



and harrassing him to the point where he could do no work. Such stories are gripping and it is easy to see why Holroyd has been credited with raising biography to the level of fiction; yet by pitching his portrait of John at the level of a roaring boy, without the counterbalance of his art, we are left with a creature wild to no purpose and selfish beyond belief.

If Holroyd felt that analysing works of art was not his forte, then such modesty is discounted by the skills he displays on refusal to participate in Fry's second show in 1912 that tors had any idea who he was.

to whom. Not all the lovers were as inspirational as she the rare occasions where he does allow himself to comment proved - Freda Strindberg, widow of the dramatist, was on one of the works. His description of how, by using the meant to be a one-night stand, but turned into an early verpoint of a very hard pencil, John was able to give his poryoung artists of the world were gathering in Paris to launch meant to be a one-night stand, but turned into an early verthe modern movement in painting. Honoyd is at his best son of Glean Close in Fatal Attraction, pursuing John trait of Epstein "a taut quality, a tightness of face and mouth when deftly sketching in minor characters like the Hon. Mrs. around London and Paris, threatening to kill herself or him, indicating both intellect and temperamental force", says much neatly, and makes it doubly irritating that it is almost halfway through the book before the art is allowed to move centre stage and then only because of the crisis that was to wreck John's reputation. It hegan with Roger Fry's first Post-Impressionist exhibition in 1910 which introduced the English to Gauguin, van Gogh and Cézanne and divided the Loodoo art world down the middle. It was John's

Augustus John's portrait of Madame Soggia, the famed callist, shows her wearing the only audible dress in the history of art

led to his rejection by the new supporters of modernism while leaving him oo more acceptable to the traditionalist camp, for whom he remained the toose-tiving radical of his glory years.

So the decline began and Holroyd is especially moving on John's life as an increasingly isolated society portrait painter for which he seems to have been hilariously unsuited - irritating famous sitters like Lloyd George or making them fidget hopelessly as he did with Churchill. The nadir was reached in 1920 when the soap tycoon Lord Leverhulme cut up a hated portrait and sent the off-cuts back to John. The story was played up by the press, pravoking art-school riots in London and Paris, and a procession to the Piazza della Signoria in Florence where a statue of Leverhulme, carved out of scap, was publicly burned - the ooly

time John had the warm support of the younger generation.
It wasn't all enmity - Thomas Hardy said he was happier to see his portrait by John in the Fitzwilliam than he was to have won the Nobel prize - and such forceful support makes one long to find more such works singled out and explained indepth. Holroyd quite rightly ideotifies the Tate's portrait of the cellist Madame Suggia as noc of the artist's most ambitious works, though by confining himself to the factual details of how and where the work was produced, what the painter and the sitter thought of each other and for how much the canvas was finally sold, he leaves the reader impatient to know what exactly it was that John did that makes the thing worth all this attention.

When Gauguin painted the cellist Fritz Schneklud in 1894, the portrait was hailed as a rare attempt to convey the effect of music graphically, using lines that radiate out from the figure in the way that radio waves would later be depicted in cartoons. As Holroyd has already told us that John admired Gauguin, it is reasonable to infer that he was attempting a similar solution through the ripples in the drapery swelling behind his cellist, though the real acoustic force seems to emanate from Suggia's long robe whose acetate red pulsates with sound, making it the only dress in the history of art that you can hear. Of the two, John's seems to me the most successful painting, full of passion and wit. Holroyd claims to have used the paintings to illumine the life,

one wishes, just occasionally it had been the other way round. Inevitably, this tale of early promise unfulfilled ends sadly. There was too much drink and the once romantic Bohemianism looks worn and bitter in a cantankerous old man. After World War II, the offer of a knighthood was snatched back when the Palace discovered that John had never formally married Dorelia. He went down on one knee to propose but she proudly spurned the idea. John died in 1961 just as the rest of the population was starting to have the sort of sex-life he had enjoyed for over three-quarters of a

century - in that at least he was always in the avant garde. At the end he was not quite the old dodo many assume one of his last acts was to leave his sick-bed to keep a promise to Bertrand Russell that he would sit down in Trafalgar Square in protest against ouclear weapons. It was quite an experience - he had not seen so many people gathered together since Mafeking Night, though his era was by then so long gone that no one amongst the young demonstra-

Paradise rediscovered

Peter Ackroyd's fictional account of Milton's flight to the New World crackles with wit. By Lucy Hughes-Hallett

Deter Ackroyd's Milton doesn't write conceit Ackroyd elaborates when he Milton in America Paradise Lost, he lives it. Unlike his historical counterpart, who went briefly into hiding at the time of the Stuart Restoration hut emerged to live undisturbed while writing his great epics, this fictional Milton flees to that terrestrial Eden, that world which seemed to 17th century Europeans as

virginal as one new-created: America. It's a strikingly elever premise for a novel, one lifted above the ruck of historical-hypotheticals by its ingenious aptness, and by the fact that h is oot original. The pugrim fathers and mothers conventionally represented themselves as the First Parents in a New World. The fabulous and far-fetched (for Ackroyd, a hrilliant pasticheur)

ideotifies New England with Paradise has been, for 300 years and more, an essectial part of America's self-descriptive rhetoric. This novel is not only full of hiblical and literary echoes, it also explores a metaphor which has had

tremendous political consequences. Of itself, though, Milton in America is far from tremendous. It is an elegant, erudite scherzo, at its best when crackling with jokes. Its two main characters, who are also its alternating ourrators, are Miltoo himself and the run-away apprentice whom he has renamed Goosequilt, and who acts as his secretary and as his eyes. Milton's voice is

by Peter Ackroyd

Sinclair-Stevenson, £15.99

rather surprisingly unMiltonie but its relative restraint and colloquialism is certainly a hetter oarrative vehicle than the real thing. Goosequill, a quick-tongued Londoner, makes a nice linguistic cootrast with his master. When the two of them are conversing Ackroyd's prose fizzes and sparkles as

hrightly as an electrical misconnection.
They are shipwrecked. Washed up

World, Milton begins his oew life, and with sweetness in his manner. rapidly spoils it. He is adopted as leader by a community of pious Puri- is that which should be its pivot. Walktans whom he incites to fanaticism, violence and warfare. Simultaneously Adam, Eve and the Serpent, he loses Paradise for himself, for those who might have gained it (his fellow settlers) and for those who previously pos-

sessed it (the natives, from whom he recoils io abhorrence.) Quite why he does so is not satisfactorily explained. True, the real Miltoo was a man of passiooate convictions, but he was oot a higot. True, the Milton of this govel is, even before his Fall, over-persuaded of his own supe-

The least successful part of the book

ing alone in the forest, Milton is caught in an Indian's deer-trap. Suspended by one leg, he finds that he can see again. He spends some weeks with the Indians during which time his leg is magi-cally healed by a pow-wow. Eventually he accepts the sexual favours of a squaw. When he refuses to marry her he is turned away and, stumbling back ioto the forest, finds he is once more hlind. On his return to the Brethren's settlement he has become inflexible and furious. The episode is neither stark naked on the shores of the New riority, but he is also a subtle, witty man of the story is) nor persuasive in its exe- for his dazzling skill.

cution. Its excision might have weakened Ackroyd's plan, but it would

have made a better novel. The remainder is consistently entertaining and intermittently exhibarating. Ackroyd is Milton and Goosequill incorporated. He has the former's encyclopaedic frame of reference: quotations and echoes are huried thickly in his text. He has the fatter's playfulness and acuity. Goosequill, on first hearing Milton preach, reports "He could put on a better act than any street acrobat or ballad-sioger I had ever seen." I'd say the same about their creator, with the same hlend of scepticism plausible in its conception (as the rest as to his high purpose and enthusiasm

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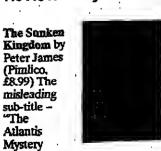
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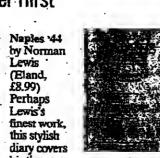
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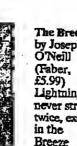


Gardiner, who went semi-native wound, to the Great Game hero, cold-water dips when high in the Pamirs (the water froze in his



his time as a Field Security Officer in the first, dangerous year after the Allied invasion. Though on the brink of starvation, the Neopolitans insisted on maintaining una bella faccia and a vigorous interest in sexual activities. The result is a memoir both shocking and hilarious. Its cast includes a professional Zio di Roma (a "Roman uncle" who brings a touch of class to funerals) and a gynaecologist who "specialises in the restoration of lost virginity". Ofteo scathing about his fellow invaders, Lewis comes to admire

his vivacious hosts.

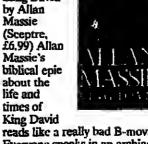


Joseph O'Neill's chirpy tale of a consecutive disasters will appeal arrivals and health scares haunt the life of Johnny Breeze, who developed rings under his eyes as black as his father's, though a new nonchalance to telephone calls in the middle of the night. A second novel with a nice feel

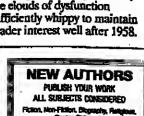












Tales of ecology and the unexpected

There is room for change in the countryside, as long as there's still room for us, says Richard D North

three quangos which inform government about the great outdoors – the Country-side Commission, English Heritage and English Nature – so describe the coun-tryside in their latest co-operative venture: "Conservation in Local Plane" Conservation in Local Plans".

We are in trouble here. Once we start talking about the countryside as a "document" which has to be "read", or still worse, as a "narwe are. we will be deconstructing hedgerows instead of gruhhing them up, and we shall be unpacking sheep fleeces instead of sending them off to market. The countryside we messed about in as children, when we dammed streams and hacked down branches for bivouacs, will become a text for swots, not a robust play-

ground for the young.

The trouble is that the landscape really is full of messages. The natural world means a lot to same period. us, not just in a visceral, wind-in-the-hair, sort of way. It means things to us because we think tive to the real world, and the place where we a motorway, I try to remind myself of the dozens "Conservation in Local Plans" is just the lat-

The countryside is a palimpsest. And that's so hard about it, and our thinking flows very hope to find the solid, enduring things and of places I know, and which anyone might find, of places I know, and which anyone might find, or at least it's semi-official. The naturally from our first having felt things about cycles against which to match our ephemeral where real loveliness remains, and where - and it. I can remember as a teenager the heart-swelling effect of clifftops and sunsets when place and time seemed to offer both the excuse and the opportunity to be alone with a girl. But one was in love with everything then, swept into a giddy unity with the smallest drop of spray and the largest ordering principle of the whole scene.

We go into the countryside for solace and rative" to be interpreted, before we know where we are, we will be deconstructing hedgerows to shoot. It is a place in which we pray and play and work and work ont. We try to make sense of it, because we think God or the Earth Mother has left coded messages in it. We sense, too, that our ancestors have left messages in the terrain: a harn or stone wall, or the waves in the field left by a medieval farming system seem to be speaking to us even more tangibly and almost as clearly as the words on a manuscript of the

cycles against which to match our ephemeral and madequate ways.

And then, of course, nearly everyone wants

to live to the countryside, or motor through it. In hizarre twists, "green"-minded people are now huying posh jeeps in order to assert that they have country exigencies. The new owners of gas-guzzling four-by-fours with bullbars are declaring that come Independence Day or ter-minal gridlock, they at least will be able to barge their way out of the urban collapse and start again in the country whose restorative powers

will somehow remain intact. In the meantime, we have each to decide how we think about the countryside because how we feel about it - whether we find pleasure or despair there - depends crucially on what we have decided we believe its present condition and likely fate to be.

which beams me my cellular phone messages,

this is the extraordinary hit - I am very likely to be alone if I want to be. There are, for instance, the 30 acres of meadow at Hendre Eynon, near St David's in Pembrokeshire, which were saved by a farmer a quarter of a century ago, which are thick with orchids and flag iris, and which no one ever visits. Most people are too busy heading for the area's exquisite beaches and coves, which absorb crowds and deliver solitude, as even crowded woodlands -

in Hampstead or Herefordshire - also can. I believe that the state of the countryside its continued capacity to offer most people most of what they demand from it - is a perfect miracle and a buge testimony to the British genius for government, specially as represented in its planning system, itself a work of genius. Simind likely fate to be. larly, I am immensely proud of the official and When I see the octwork of horrible aerials unofficial bodies -the National Trust for instance - which debate, rule or own the pub-

est example of how public bodies are trying to deliver a subtle change of language, a hint of new policy, without shocking us. The document speaks of the growing realisation of just how delicate one has to be in messing around with countryside because the character of each part of it is the result of so many different remains of so many different remains of so many historic activities. And then it says that we need to swing a little away from satisfying people's demands for new develop-ment and towards "demand management".

This last sounds obvious. And yet the loveliness of what we have is the result of the development of previous generations, not of "demand management". And we live still in a society in which the right of a person to live in the countryside, or drive through it, is as important as his or her right to read the book of their choice. So we can't suddenly become dirigiste about the countryside, any more than many of us want to become precious about it. Shotguns and saffron robes, Shnguns and Oasis gigs, all have to be fitted in, and some-

This little piggy saved a forest

How piglets replaced weedkiller in Yorkshire. By Helen Lewis

Outfolk 1990, and a small group of 11-week-old piglets swap piggery for pine-sceoted forest for a few months. The idea behind the move? To see how they would adapt to woodland life; whether they would turn their snows up in disgust or delight in the chance of grubbing around under

As it happened the pigs took it all in their stride, devouring hrambles, bracken and fern with great gusto, rummaging amongst the forest floor and growing fat in the process.

One very pleased farmer subsequently sold these swine at a premium price as organic, free-range pork. This just left the Forestry Commission to decide whether the pigs had proved a worthwhile alternative to their usual - if environmentally unseemly - chemical and machine regime of weed clearance and soil preparation.

The pig experiment was deemed a success and in 1993 the first large-scale forest pig farming trial got underway in a 62 acre gale-damaged woodland in North Yorkshire. "Severe storms in 1990 had decimated three-quarters of

the trees and the forest floor had become swamped with weeds, so we had to do something," explained Alan Beardsley, Chief Forester, North York Moors District. "Our usual procedure would he to kill the weeds with herbicides, cultivate the ground with machines and finally plant the area with young saplings, but we hoped the pigs would do all this

Firstly, though, the Forestry Commission had to find a pig farmer with enough pigs who willing to take up the challenge. Ian Moulds jumped at the chance and provided around 450 pigs to munch away at the forest undergrowth until March this year.

The cost of renting arable land was rocketing so, when the Forestry Commission approached me with a cheaper alternative, I grahbed it. Also, the forest offered shelter from the weather, was free from disease and well drained - all essential requirements for pigs," he said.

This pioneering project seemed a perfect solution all round and was wholeheartedly approved of by the Foundation of Ecological Ground Cultivation. By grazing, grubhing and excreting, pigs cultivate the ground and supply it with nutrients. They also make it easier for the tree seeds to put down roots, and help prevent weeds reoccurring.

However, the earthy sound of grunting becoming commonplace in British forests is still a long way off. For all its success, the project had numerous problems. From the pig management point of view it was a nightmare. The number of animals in a given area of wood had to be carefully planned to prevent damaging the existing trees, and poor access made the job of seeing to the pigs' welfare very

"The trick was to give the pigs enough undergrowth to chew so they would leave the trees alone," Mr Moulds explained. 'Apart from worrying about tree damage, tooking after the sows at farrowing time, wearing the piglets and bringing the boar in proved extremely difficult - I couldn't



get a tractor and trailer in to move the animals with all the tree stumps in the way.

Basically, the whole idea was not as simple as it first seemed and although I would rent cleared forestry again, this would only be feasible for sows during pregnancy, with accessible grassland nearby for farrowing, mating and wearing when they need to be closely watched," he said.

For all Mr Moulds' efforts, the pigs did harm some trees. They up-rooted small birch, chewed bark and rubbed soil into some of the larger trees' roots. Whether these will survive this damage or succumb to fungal attack won't be known for another couple of years.

Despite these set-backs, Colin Olsson - head forester for the region - admitted the forest floor had been left in very

good condition for receiving seeds from both falling pine cones and those which passed through the pigs. Hopefully these will germinate and produce a tree crop without the

Forestry Commission lifting a finger. The main benefit to us is getting a crop of saplings growing naturally. However, the germination of tree seeds is notoriously slow and unreliable – we may even end up with none at all. If this happens, the weeds will return and we will have to re-plant the wood ourselves which defeats the whole object," he explained.

Despite his misgivings, when Mr. Olsson checked the site at the end of July this year he was surprised to find nearly a full crop of saplings, including Corsican pine, Japanese larch and birch, already growing. This was a far better result than he ever imagined, but he is still cautious about calling the trial a complete success:

'A lot can go wrong even now. We only need another drought like last year, or an extreme winter, for all these tiny saplings to die. Although it looks very promising I won't give the green light for more pig clearing projects for another

"However, if the trees continue to grow this will show that there is great potential for pigs clearing small woodland areas under continuous cover [where 25 per cent of the mature trees are left as protection for the young saplings until estabtished], where the operation can be tightly planned and con-trolled. But, I don't see animals replacing machines and chemicals on large tracts of forestry just yet," he said.

To the south, the sky was dark with grouse, which were pouring in by the thousand

dinarily enigmatic nature of the red grouse. Some moors are alive with strong coveys; others, in spite of confident predictions, have practically none, and owners from the Duke of Westminster downwards, have had to cancel projected shooting days left and right. Even after years of scientific research and on-the-hill observation, our understanding of this elusive game

bird is still far from perfect. It is all too well known that grouse bewildering rapidity, and that a bumper year is often followed by a crash. In one area monitored by the Game Conservancy Trust, for instance, the population fell from 650 one August to 19 the to settle on the flats, next. Equally, it is common knowledge
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The start of another season has pains to stake out their nesting emphasised once again the extraorparticularly in wild weather, the hirds congregate into enormous packs many

hundred strong. Why do they do this? And who can explain stories like the one told by the veteran sporting artist. Raoul Millais? In his youth his great-uncic used to rent Fealar, the high-lying deer forest

in Perthshire. There were practically no grouse oo the ground, and, as Millais remembers, "you could walk all day for a brace and a half". But as he was populations explode and collapse with returning to the lodge one evening in the autumn of 1919 his companion suddenly exclaimed. "My God - look at and got 110 hrace. Next day the whole that!" To the south, the sky was dark vast swarm of grouse had vanished to with grouse, pouring in by the thousand



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deer. But at dinner that night the young men in the party persuaded their host to let them hold a special shoot in the mnrniog. Out went four of them. the north.

In the 1950s Millais heard of another

the lee flanks of the hills black. Then, to his horror, the keeper saw the whole are extremely valuable. This year the mass suddenly lift off: the gale caught them and whirled them out over the North Sea, surely to their deaths. Whether the birds were driven by lack of food, or were responding like lemmings to some migratory instinct, he could not tell.

One fact which nobody disputes is that grouse are good for the environment. Because they live mainly on heather shoots, they promote active management of moordand: for grouse to thrive, heather must be burnt regularly, and bracken suppressed, with the

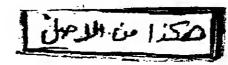
going rate for shooting driven birds is £110 per brace, so that a 150-brace day earns more than £15,000. The problem is that, unlike pheasants, partridges or duck, grouse cannot be artificially reared in large numbers, and moorowners can only aid and abet nature in

its autual production. Gamekeepers do this in various ways. One is to suppress predators, another to keep the heather to good condition. A third is to dose the hirds against parasitic threadworms, either by catching them at night and squirt-

bitter day in January, when snow was lying and a westerly gale was blowing, so many thousand grouse streamed in to settle in the shelter that they turned the lee flanks of the hills black. Then, Another certain fact is that grouse the keeper was the whole.

Another certain fact is that grouse in bracken. All these measures help. in bracken. All these measures help. Yet there are other factors which nobody cao control, principally the weather. If spring and early summer are cold and wet, breeding success is drastically reduced. Onc key fact revealed by radio tracking is that, in their first weeks of life, the chicks need a high-protein diet of insects, which their mother furnishes by leading them to boggy patches on the moor. Unless

they find plenty of insects, they die. If global warming means that Scotland and the oorth of England are going to have better summers, the outlook for grouse will improve. But if, as some people predict, another ice-age is already setting in, Laguopus scoticus



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The monk, the goat and the orchard

A Buddhist community on Holy Island combines an alternative therapy with alternative energy. By Fiona Macaulay

abbott's residence at the Samye Ling Tibetan Centre in Dumfriessnire. "Oh, thar'll be there for Rinpoche to bless." remarked Nicholas Jennings, as I stepped gingerly over the threshold. Animals are greatly respected in Buddhist philosophy.

My mission at Samye Ling, in the vale of Eskdalemuir, was to meet Mr Jennings who, on behalf of the centre, is managing a conserva-tion project on Holy Island in the Firth of Clyde, just east of the Isle of Arran. The Samye Ling Centre bought the island in 1992 in order to create a reircal in a self-sustaining environment. Buddhist thoughts about the way we should care for the earth are very similar to those of conservacionists. This convergence of beliefs was given further recognition and support last year with the formation of The Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC) which has been joined by nine of the world's major faiths.

For the ARC, Holy Island is a flagship proiect which is a fore-runner to an initiative to be known as The Sacred Land Project. This will be launched in April next year, its aim being to conserve, and if necessary reinstate, sites of

spiritual significance.
Although Holy Island's spiritual history is Christian, the Buddhists respect and want to huild on that. "It is an excellent place for undisturbed meditation," says the retreat master of Samye Ling, Lama Yeshe Losal, "The island has been sanctified by the intense prayer and contemplation carried out there.

Holy Island was the home of St Molaise, a 6th-century hermit who was said to have possessed miraculous powers; his cave is a favoured place for meditation on the island. And the ruins of a 13th-century monastery provide a similar sense of tranquillity.

One of the planned conservation projects is to re-plant the monastery orebard, which is believed to contain soil from the Holy Land. from natural springs for drinking and food Some 27,000 trees of indigenous species bave preparation. Most waste water would be natalready been planted, mainly funded by a "Sponsor a native Scottish tree" appeal, advertised in environmental magazines.

After consulting local experts, rock whitebeam and downy birch were planted along with oak, ash, bazel, hawthorn, rowan, bolly, beech, willow, alder and elder. The island's wild Eriskay ponies, Soay sheep and goats, which are thought to date from Jacobite times, have been excluded from the planted areas so as to encourage rejuvenation of the natural bahitat. Initially it was suggested that the numbers of these animals should be reduced, but for the Buddhists a cull was out of the question. (Their respect for animal life also meant that Gary Rhodes on his Rhodes Round Britain tour was not granted permission to come on to the

island to kill and cook a goat.). During the summer, small groups of volun-teers have been coming to the island in 10-day shifts to lend a hand. An ongoing chore is clearing the beaches of refuse thrown up by the waters of the Clyde. The Holy Island Project

dead thrush lay on the doormat of the relies on this free workforce. As a non-profit making organisation, no one has a paid job - except for Mr Jennings who is in charge of fundraising.

His task is a daunting one, for the eco-architectural plans for a retreat centre at the south end of the island are expected to cost about £5m. - and there is no money in the bank. The design for a self-sustaining development is the brainchild of Andrew Wright, who has his own archifectural practice and is also a consultant to the Richard Rogers Partnership. The plans won the main prize of the Bovis/Architects' Journal Award at the Royal Academy Summer Exhihitium in 1994.

"What I empty about architecture," says the 31-year-old architect "is a design approach that meshes together social issues, landscape, the science of structures and environment; that creates a harmony between them".

The hasic idea for Holy Island is to huild two sets of retreat rooms, partly dug into the ground, which will descend the hillside like a row of steps or terraces, "It's a simple idea," says Mr Jennings, "You dig out the back wall and use that earth to make the floor, then put a top over the gap like a lean-to."

The roof will be covered with earth and the rooms will have a sloped, glazed front, The energy-efficient features of the design are various - the rooms will be south facing, which together with the angled glass fronts will maximise solar gain in an area which has limited sunshine. It is estimated that this will provide on average almost half the space beating.

Andrew Wright's designs include a scheme to make the island water self-sufficient. Rainwater will be collected along a gully and stored in tanks above the retreat rooms, to be used for washing and cleaning. Below the retreat rooms, water running off the buildings will fil-ter into a pond at the top of a garden area for urally filtered through a series of reed beds.

Research is being done into the possibilities of alternative energy sources of which the most feasible is wind power. "We need to set up a local weather station," says Mr Jennings. "But local knowledge of wind speeds makes it look quite viable, it may even be possible to supply some of the electricity we would make back into

Some vegetables and fruit are already being produced under organic principles in the walled garden of the old lighthouse keeper's cottages, but Andrew Wright's plans provide increased garden areas, complete with irrigation systems and a series of greenhouses. In the words of Lama Yeshe Losal "the aim on Holy Island is to create an atmosphere of spiritual and ecological good health as an example for all".

For enquiries regarding The Holy Island Project contact Nicholas Jennings, Samye Ling Tibetan Centre 013873 73223





Hely Island, Firth of Clyde. Beddhist monks are building a self-sufficient community

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No more gloom in Dorset for smooth snake and ladybird spider

Heathland schemes are rescuing rare species. By Daniel Butler

Ou could say our heaths are top of the list for habital conservation," says Andrew Nicholson, conservation officer for English Nature in Dorset. "Over the past two centuries, Dorset has lost 85 per cent of Avon Valley. ils heathland. This is particularly important in biodiversity terms. because of the climate."

Lowland heaths are some of Britain's most threatened habitats, being particularly vulnerable to development, agricultural improvements, forestry and quarrying. About balf of the area covered by heathland at the turn of the century has now disappeared, and the picture in Dorset is particularly bleak.
Back in 1750, some 40,000 hectares

of the county were covered in a mixture of heather and gorse. This was slowly and steadily eaten into by agriculture. (As recently as a century ago. Thomas Hardy could write about the windswept wilderness of Egdon Heath.) The loss of Dorset heathland increased dramatically in the 1930s, however, until by 1987 there were just 5.600 bectares left. As a result, many of Britain's rarest creatures, such as the smooth snake, Dartford warbler and hrink of extinction. Yet in the late

reverse the decline. A variety of conservation bodies, including the Royal Society for the Prodepends on a very low level of nutritection of Birds, English Nature, the Dorset Wildlife Trust, the Herpeto-

logical Conservation Trust and Forestry Enterprise, targeted the Dorset Heathland Area. This is centred on Bournemouth and Poole Harbour, but stretches some 15 miles up the

Although each body set its own targets (the RSPB aimed at restoring 560 hectares within 10 years, for example), the bodies co-operated closely on management schemes. Typically, the first step was to root out encroaching scrub since this ont-competes the give the heather and gorse a chance. delicate heather on which a heath's wildlife depends.

In Dorset, the scrub consists principally of birch and pine saplings. bracken and rhododendron. Their removal allows beather seed which has lain in the soil for up to 60 years to germinate. And once the ground is blanketed with heather, it is difficult for invaders to re-establish themselves.

Also, because a wide range of heather ages is important to encourage diversity, some of the older growth is cut back in the autumn after the seed has set. New shoots spring up in the harvested area - vital for species such as woodlarks - while the prunings are ladybird spider were pushed to the scattered over abandoned quarries or farmland where the seed germinates. 1980s a concerted drive hegan to In time these, too, return to their former state.

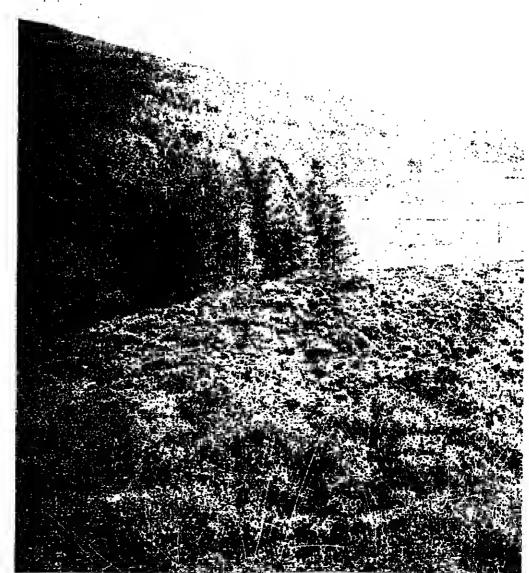
Ironically, healthy heathland

heather and gorse can only out-com-pete other plants if the soil is very poor and so agricultural fertilisers are one of the worst problems we face." Because of the poor soil, fertilisers have been heavily used in the past, but fortunately, even farmland can he returned to heather with careful management. This is done by planting nutrient-hungry crops such as neaize. which draw up fertiliser residues and leave the soil sufficiently depleted to

Meanwhile, Forestry Enterprise, one of the area's biggest landowners, has played an important role in co-operating with schemes where cattle are allowed to wander around forest heathland areas, helping to maximise hiodiversity with light grazing.

For anyone used to grim environ-mental stories about habitats vanishing forever, the results have been impressive. In just seven years the RSPB learn has virtually reached its target, with 550 hectares of degraded heath restored to its original state. As a result, the woodlark population is up 30 per cent. nightjars have increased by 25 per cent and the number of Dartford warblers has doubled.

"Instead of the general doom and gloom about Dorset's heath, we've shown that conservation is possible, says Mr Nicholson. "There's a long way to go, hin at least we've started to climh the ladder again by showing you can use the heaths in a sustainable way."



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The appropriately named Charles Flower sells seed and plugs (small, well-rooted plantlets) of wildflowers such as lady's bedstraw, fleabane and yellow loosestrife. Plugs are 25p each, seed varies from £2-5 for 10g. He has also converted his old farm workshop intu a study centre where he organises half-day sessions on all aspects of countryside restoration.

side restoration.

'Hedgerows for Wildlife' is the subject of the next workshop. What are the best plants to use in restoring a gappy old hedge or planting a new one? Find out on Tuesday 10 September (2-5pm). The session includes a tour of Charles Flowers' own hedges to inspect successes and failures. The cost is £25. A practical hedge- laying course will be held on Tuesday 5 November (9.30am-4pm) Cost £40. For details of seeds, plugs and courses, contact Charles Flower at Carvers Hill Farm, Shalhourne, Marlborough, Willshire SN8 3PS (01672 870782 for nursery; 01635 247666 for courses).

The Midlands group of the National Council fur the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG) is hulding a Rare and Unusual Plant Fair tomorrow in the grounds of Leicester University's botanic garden. The botanic garden was made from the combined gardens of four Edwardian houses, acquired by the university just after the war. There are fine Japanese maples, a lime-stone garden, traditional herhaceous borders and collections of hardy fuchsias. The gardeo is at Stoughton Drive. Drive South, Oadhy, Leicester (near Leicester racecourse). Admission £2.

WEEKEND WORK

Take cuttings of iodoor plaots such as coleus, tradescantia, zebrina and husy lizzies. Take three- to fourinch long cuttings from the tips uf vigorous shoots of busy lizzies and push them into pots filled with compost, lightened with vermiculite.

When they have rooted well and are growing away, pinch out the tops of the cuttings to encourage bushy growth. Take three-inch cuttings of coleus, choosing the tips of non-flowering shoots to pot up singly in John Innes No I compost.

Pick sweetcorn cobs when the silky tassels on the ends have begun to wither. I grew Fiesta' (Mr Fothergill £1.65) this year and it has provided the best crop ever. Mr F says it is ideal for barbecues. I haven't tried that.

Stake the flowers you hope to be enjoying in autumn: dahlias, Michaelmas daisies, chrysanthemums and heleniums. Continue to feed and water sweet peas to prolong the display. Do not feed annuals such as nasturtium and godetia which, given such encouragement, produce too much leaf and too little flower.

Plant prepared hyacinths now for flowering at Christmas. Research done by the Dutch Bulbgrowers' Association has shown that different varieties have very precise forcing times. The white variety 'Carnergie' needs 11 weeks in a plunge bed or dark cupboard, then 22 days in the light to bring it into flower. 'Delft Blue' has a quicker turnaround time: nine weeks in the dark, followed by 23

days in the light.

The ideal temperature for the preliminary forcing is about 48F. Anything cooler will retard the hulbs too much; anything warmer will result in lanky leaf growth.

Lawn seed can be sown now in areas that have been well dug, raked and cleared of stones. If you haven't had much rain you will need to water the ground before you sow. Cats scraping at the seed are likely to be as much of a menace as birds. Netting seems to be the answer.

Say I love you, and a peacock may emerge

These slow-growing trees are unparalleled for topiary — and respond well to draconian treatment. Anna Pavord offers a guide

nc of the less successful features in our garden when we first came here was a scraggy yew tree, not massive, dripping needles over an outbuilding. Over the last six years outbuilding. Over the last six years or so, we have been converting the tree into a piece of topiary. I think next year might be the time to cry "Off with its head" and complete the process.

The tree is about 25ft high, and each year we have taken off a couple of its lower branches, working our way gradually up the trunk. It responded enthusiastically by

sprouting new greenery all the way up its cleared trunk, and last year I gave it its first clip. It seems to want to be a cone, but at prescot it's a weird hybrid: a cone with a

tree sprouting out of the top.

The question is - how do we want to finish off the cone? If it's to be a plain cone, then the tree top needs to be cul off quite low down the trunk, so that later the sprouts can be clipped into a neat point, without the bulk of the trunk getting in the way. But I fancy something a bit madder. A cone with a hall halanced on top? A cone with a broad-brimmed Ascot hat on it? If it is to he something like this, then the trunk perhaps needs to be cut higher to provide a separate flush of growth for the top knot, whatever it might be.

Yew has a reputation for being slow, hut new green growth on the rejuvenated trunk has been surprisingly rapid. This year's shoots – just waiting for their next clip – are about 15in long. Growth on the south side is not as vigorous as that oo the other aspects, which is the reverse of what

Box is the only other tree that would respond as willingly as yew to this dra-conian treatment. It's why they both make such good hedges and why they are unpar-alleled for topiary work. Both give a sense of permanence to a garden, not just because they are evergreeo, but because they are loog-lived. Yews are difficult to date, but tree-expert, the late Alan Mitchell, reckoned that many churchyard yews, such as the one at Coldwaltham, near Pulborough in Sussex, were as much as 3,000 years old.

Because they are quiet, not crupting into mad blossom, or doing flashy things in autumn, you tend to take them for granted: a yew backdrop sets off more osteotatious features in a gardeo. They are tolerant of a wide range of soils and growing conditions. Like spotty laurel, they will put up with the challengingly dry growing condi-

likely to respond well to hard pruning when they are in good heart. If you have yew you want to cut hack, either a tree or a hedge, feed and water it well for a year only needs one clip a year and that is gen-



Yews can be clipped through to November, but the drug baccatine is found in the leaves only during August and September

(stumping back, it's generally called) is best done in April. Doo't be tempted to leave hits of branch and twig sticking out. The hest regrowth will come directly from the main trunk. Do one side only.

If you are coping with an overgrown yew bedge, you may have to wait two years before tackling the oext stage - the top of the bedge. In an old hedge this becomes a frizz of twiggy growth, all of which can be taken out. Doo't cut into the main trunks of the trees though. Top growth usually bounces back much more quickly than side growth. If the hedge has responded well to stages one and two, you may be able to complete the process the following year. tions of city gardens.

Trees (and hedges), though, are more by cutting hack the second side of the middle of the red berry, elethedge. After that, give it a vampire's feast buried in the middle of the red berry, elegantly known round here as snot-gobbles. of dried blood in early spring, and mulch during autumn or winter with muck or compost. Yew, unlike Leyland cypress,

do ours with hand shears, because a powered hedge clippers is a heavy thing to hold way above your head. And I loathe the

I wish I felt equal to a peacock on our . born, oot made and I don't think I've got a peacock in me. I'd be able to look after one, if I was ever in the future lucky: enough to inberit ooe in a garden, but matter. The best are those that sit, hulging massively in small cottage gardens, where

they dwarf everything else around.

If you want one-off yew plants to grow from seed, sown in October. The seed is would be, if our stomachs could ever get at wider spacings and grow them on until round to digesting it. But it isn't designed they are about 18 inches high.

before you start work. Severe cutting erally dooe in late summer or autumn. I to he digested. It's made to shoot right through a bird's gut and out the other side, ejected with the added beoefit of the dropping which will belp it to germinate and

Sow the seeds in a pan of John Innes topiarised yew, hut I don't. Topiarists are compost and leave them outside. When the seedlings are a few inches high, line them out in a row and grow them on for two or three years before setting them in their final positions. If you want plants for sculpting one from scratch is a different a bedge, you should take cuttings from an established plant, Seed-raised plants will all be slightly different. Cuttings will all resemble their parent. Take 3-4in long cut-If you want one-off yew plants to grow tings of side shoots (with a beel) in Sepon into topiary pieces, you can raise plants tember or October. Line out the cuttings in a slit trench which you have lightened with plenty of sand. Wheo they have gantly known round here as snot-gobbles. rooted and are starting to grow away. The red bit isn't poisonous, the seed transplant the cuttings into fresh ground

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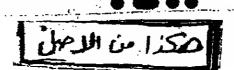
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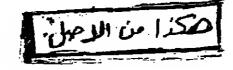
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The pilgrimage from salvage to salvation

Naomi Coleman visits Architectural Salvage

buildings, by reducing the untended, unwanted schools, houses and hospitals of inner London to mounds of dusty brick and rusting iron. Little did be know then, that a decade later be would turn that wreckage into a successful business.

The entrance to his premises in by Neptunes, sitting atop Doric columns on either side of large wooden gates. Inside, the warehouse acts as a sanctuary for the unhinged and the uprooted: doors without walls; baths without taps; fireplaces without chimneys.

This is Architectural Salvage, a scrapyard for buildings, where old fixtures come to die, and to be reborn. Here they are sandblasted, stripped and given a new lease of life - as spare parts for period hnuses or as accessories for those looking to add a touch of authen-

Speed and his partner, Roh Philpin, began selling salvage io smaller premises down the road in Hackney six years ago. But soon their stock outgrew the warehouse and demand outgrew the stock. They moved up the road, upmarket, and into one of the more saluhrious pockets of Islington.

They put their success down to the same price. the treod towards conservation, away from modernisation. In the late 1980s, it dawned on them that the huildings they were busily demolishing were filled to the hrim with things they should be saving. They stopped getting paid for knocking down exteriors and for an old-fashioned style conserstarted paying out to rescue the vatory," suggests Speed. But the interiors. Before long Speed and Philpin were supplying a stream of mahogany panelled room at a property owners who had dispensed with Formica and veneer was the library of a Hampshire and were turning the market country estate. towards genuine interior features and fittings - roll-top baths, John from? Here lies the irony: a large Boding taps, porcelain sinks and

"Why huy a door from say Wickes or Texas Homecare wheo you can buy a pine, panelled door with all the original fittings for the same price?" says Speed. It's oot that they're ageist, it's just that they believe in quality. "We'll take anything - as long as it's more than 100-years-old."

Anything. And everything, by the looks of thiogs scattered around the warehouse: timber, iron and glass; the occasional stray lavatory. For oewcomers to architectural salvage it can be mindboggling: Speed points out that what looks like a pile of old wood is in fact a collection of soughtafter oak, pine, mahogany and teak. "The mahogany boards were takeo from a schnol's science lab." he says. "Now people are using them for kitchen worktops." He advises that a stack of glass bricks can be used as a shower screen or are simply good for enhancing a hathroom window. As he fires out a string of ideas it's not surprising to be told that the DIY televisioo programme Homefront has already

filmed here. In fact it is commonplace to have television cameramen and

en years ago, Barry Speed theatrical producers wandering made his living demolishing around. Remember the Mercary One-2-One commercial?" asks Speed. They used all our Royal Doulton sinks and toilets for that." As a sideline the salvage is hired out as stage and film props which are either delivered or used in situ.

Perhaps this is what makes East-Enders' Ricky and Nigel feel at bome here: they both come bar-Islington, London N1, is flanked gain-hunting at Architectural Salvage - as does Seymour Stein (who first signed Madonna to Sire Records) and Princess Michael of Kent's lady-in-waiting.

Business is limitless: behind the scenes they do furniture stripping and sandblast fireplaces, wrought iron tables and chairs. They will even make np mirrors and doors decorated with architrave made from leftovers. They take on private commissions, too. The buyer of the old Russian embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens has recently asked them to restore the dome to its original splendour. "We'll remove the dome and bring it back here to restore the broken sheets of etched glass," says Speed.

The majority of salvage seekers, though, tend to take their pick from the range of 1,200 panelled doors, which cost between £45. and £75 - or select one of the many porcelain sinks, for around

But those with a bit more to spend - and a vivid imagination could splash out on a ourses', room, takeo from a Victorian hospital ward, featuring a pitch pine desk and large surveillance windows containing old glass: "Perfect pièce de résistance is a complete mere £7,500 which in its earlier life

And where does it all come proportion of the stock that will beused to refurbish, renovate and. restore Loodoo homes comes them. "Over the past three or four years, we've collected from . more than 40 hospitals in London

alone," pitches in Philpin. "A lot of them are from mental asylums." A recent, large shipment of doors and sinks came from the mental wing of Hackney's Homerton Hospital. "The doors, and fittings that come out of the asylums are so strong it's untrue," says Philpin. "These doors are unbreakable. They had to be, though, didn't they? Because they had to be outter-proof."

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Main Picture: Barry Speed and Rob Philpin surrounded by their salvage in north London, Below left: Assorted light switches, locks and cabinet handles. Below right: "nutterproof dnnrs" stacked up and waiting for new homes.





Don't give me any lip-gloss

Minimalism is the cosmetics industry's latest buzz word, but has anything really changed? By Ruth Picardie

Saturday afternoon in her local department store discussing micro emulsified polysiloxine systems, multiple alpha-hydroxy acids and hydroprotective complex combinations with a sales girl in a lab coat. A few years before that, she would have been solving the problem io the Body Shop with ancient Amazonian plant extracts, holistic aromatherapy massage oils and save the whale eye-

Today, however, there's a whole oew approach. The girl with her finger on the right pot of face cream will come away from the counter with a bottle of Nina Ricci's Triple Effect, a new cleanser, toner and moisturiser in one; a Lorac Vitamin E stick, "designed for both men and women, of all ages and all skin types"; and a can of Paco, a "no-frills, universal, multicultural" scent launched earlier this year. Call it less is more, call it pared down, call it no fuss: the new approach to make-up

is minimalism. As a lifestyle philosophy, minimalism is not new. Muji, the Japan-ese store which sells functional, simply packaged "No Brand Goods" ply packaged two Diana in 1991 and in the are fast, simple and effective, which pared down unisex approach of CK company slogan is "Simple and rich".

nt so long ago, a girl with a hot date, a shiny nose and a glossy new credit card would spend began making waves at around the same time. Both were a reaction against the gold-embossed, labelnbsessed "more is more" Eighties. "Opulence is out," confirms Char-lotte-Anne Fiddler, bealth and beauty director at Elle.

In the skincare and cosmetics market, the minimalist revolution is also a backlash against pseudo-scientific babble. "Most people didn't under-stand it," says Newby Hands, health and beauty director at Harpers & Queen, "including the counter staff. And the customer didn't care. They want to know what a product can deliver. Women are better educated now. They're used to dealing with the car mechanic and the plumber. Now it's a question of, I've got dry skin,

At the same time, less is more is the solution to the modern woman's frantically busy life, juggling work, partner, children and more. There's who produce just three skincare products. It's product pollution! No one has time for a multi-stage approach. We need solutions which

what have you got?"

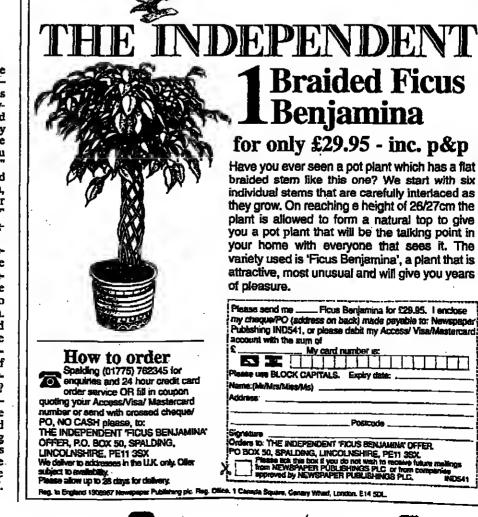
imum fuss." Accordingly, the com-pany's Formula For Clean Skin is from a company whose previous make-up remover and cleanser; the Formula For Facial Moisture, covers up blemishes, moisturises and offers Pour Elle (advertised with muscley protectinn from the sun. "Too many products spoil the skin," adds the range's consultant dermatologist, Pat Wexler. Alongside all this philosophy is a new approach to packaging: less sterile than the high-tech products, more beautiful than Body Shop plastic (Charlotte-Anne Fiddler calls it "ugly eco"), with no buy-four-eyeshadows-when-you-only-want-one

compacts. Shu Uemura, the hip Japanese company which pioneered the minimalist look when it launched in the UK in 1991, is sold in semitransparent plastic squares that slot together, with no built-in mirror and If you read the small print, you'll find brush adding to the bulk. "When an artist selects painting instruments," breathes a company press release, the choice of materials will be of the highest quality possible. He will not ton much out there," says Stephanie be misled by the extra decoration of Sage, international PR manager for the packaging but is only interested Sage, international PR manager for the packaging but is only interested the Donna Karan Beauty Company, in the quality and content."

view, packaging has another advantage. "Men's cosmetics haven't taken off," explains Newby Hands. "But the in just 108 colours. No wonder the in just 108 colours. No wonder the

produce maximum results with min- One has been huge." Hence the approach to scent was the flamboyantly Eighties XS Pour Homme and men, lizards and ints of gyrating in the rain). "Probably the last thing you need in your life is another launch," read the postcard which announced the new nne-size aluminium can, sold from a mini-milk crate. "It's for anybody, at any time, for any reason." explains the company's UK managing director Robert McClatchie.

Before you throw out your so-fiveminutes ago space age anti-cellulite cream and aloe vera lip balm, remember that marketing is the middle name of the beauty industry - so many lipsticks to sell, so few women. that Nina Ricci's pared down Triple Effect is "enriched with a hydro-protective complex combination of hyaluronic acid and a cellulose polymer". So it's really a high-tech cream? Sort of. But the cellulose polymer just in case there are any New Age customers out there - is "derived From the manufacturers' point of from natural raw materials, including wood and cotton". Shu Uemura's



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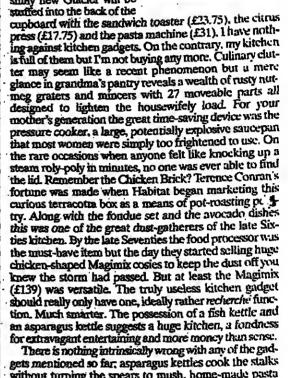
Clevi's cap seemed T-shirt, £21. Royal blue T-shirt with navy trim and Once on, you won't want to 'original' slogan. The cap take it off, and it will sleeves give it a modern become a key element in 'clubby' look, although it is your autumn /winter not suffocatingly tight. Available from Levi stores nation-wide. Call 01604 790 436.





The thing about... Kitchen gadgets

An anyone lend me an ice-cream maker? It's not that I can't find 49 quid, it's simply that I know the novelty will wear off after a few weeks and my shiny new Glacier will be stuffed into the back of the



without turning the spears to mush, home-made pasta is delicious, but many gadgets do not have even utility to recommend them. The Lakeland Plastics catalogue, spiritual home of kitchen clutter, is packed with preposterous ideas for complicating your life: grapefruit corer, butter melter, spoon rest, tea bag squeezer. Don't sneer; it could happen to you. One day, blood sugar falling, you will find yourself sending off for some superfituous whatsit. Your need for it, its very function will be forgotten before the package ever arrives. Years later a houseguest will be rummaging through your odds and sods drawer (an unholy jumble of swizzle sticks, dud cordscrews and birthday cake candles): "What the hell is this?" "Ah", you mumble "That's my caper spoon". "Your what?" Yes. Readers of the latest Lakeland Plastics catalogue are encouraged to wave goodbye to soggy caper misery with this handy spoon (£2.95).

Once in a while a gadget enters your life and changes the way you cook and eat. The microwave is one such device, the breadmaker may well become another. You laugh. It's expensive (£199) but it has none of the fiddle associated with other so-called labour savers. You don't have to faff about making dough or mixing custard: you put in the ingredients, shut the lid, press the button and four bours later your kitchen smells like Little House on the Prairie and there's a finished loaf of bread inside. I use mine every day. And no, you can't borrow it.

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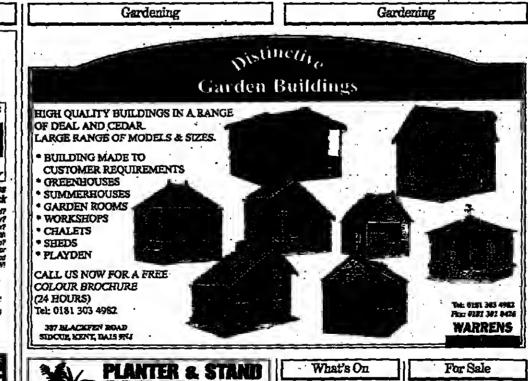
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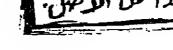
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Pepper mills and cheap prints

AUCTIONS

John windsor previews a contemporary "tag" sale at Bonhams and Phillips' print sale

ld prints are out of fashion and cheap and Phillips' innor sale on Tuesday, September 10 (12 noon), is well worth a rummage. Auctioneer Richard Lloyd has brought back from "somewhere on the contioent" the choicest of up to 20,000 engravings, the remaining stock of a print shop that traded for 30 years at the beginning of the century then closed for 30 years before being bought out.

The most valuable will appear in Phillips' October auction. But hundreds of others are lotted together in collections of 50 or more, estimated around £200.£300 a lot. Some are later impressions from plates engraved by 17th century

are later impressions from plates engraved by 17th century Old Masters. Most entertaining are scurrious early 19th century engravings that include an anonymous caricature of George IV in a brothel thrusting a hundle of banknotes

of George IV in a brothel thrusting a hundle of banknotes towards a swooning prostitute amid much commotion.

The same lot of 80 prints, est £200-£300, is strong on commotions, as indeed was the early 19th century – commotions between keepers and dogs at shoots, street commotions between sailors and prostitutes and between urchins and denizens of the beau moode. Some of the prints in this lot, are cheeky continental satires against the English intended for sale in the English market: poor spelling gives some of them away. Also in the same lot: a robust Cruick-shank of an exploding railway locomotive, symbolising the mid-century boom and bust in railway shares.

Why is there, in auctioneer's jargon, such a "small audience" for such delightful things? As an investment, old prints crashed spectacularly in the late Twenties following a huying mania that rivalled the 17th century Dutch hulb craze. Since then, big money has steered clear of them. More recently, mass reproduction of images by photolithography has caused confusion about what is a genuine old print.

print

In the trade at large, fakes abound - Italian crooks print accurate facsimiles of nld prints on blank endpapers taken from old books - but at least most Old Master engravers have now been published in catalogues raisonnés, in which the tiniest scratches denoting different "states" reworkings - of the same engraved plate are meticulously catalogued. The sale's four prints by the 17th century Claude Lorrain, among 31 Old Master prints lotted together at £150-£250, are the identical Arcadian images that appear priced £3,500 or so at the top dealer Agnew's. But Phillips, having consulted the Claude Bible, the catalogue raisonne by Lino Mannocci, have catalogued their source as 200 Etchings of 1816, a book that contains prints from reworked plates that Claude nriginally engraved nearly 200 years earher. Do not be unduly disappointed to find that the Claudes and Hullars have been trimmed in the plate-mark. That was usually how they were issued. Paper was scarce in the 17th century and the trimmings were re-used for smaller

plates. Whole-sheet specimens are rare.

If you can pick up any of these Ints within estimate - cross your fingers that print dealers are still on boliday - then, even including framing costs, you will have dozens of decorative pictures at about a quarter of their shop price. They



Above: An anonymous 19th-century caricature of George IV in a brothel goes under the hammer at Phillips. Below: Shin Azumi's ingenious pepper mill, £34 at Bonhams' "tag" sale.

are ideal as gifts - and Christmas is looming. But if you do not want to give them away - a wizard wheeze, this - having bid successfully for an 80-odd, £200-£300 lot, keep the 20 you like best and bung the remainder back into Phillips' October auction - the lot might fetch only £100 less than yoo originally paid for it. Viewing: Thursday 5 September (2-5pm), Friday 6 (9am-5pm), Sunday 8th (2pm-5pm), Monday 9 (9am-5pm).

A chance to spot and buy the work of young design leaders—at Bonhams' fifth Decorative Arts Today selling exhihition, Wednesday 4-11 September. A week-long auction? Nnt quite. This is a "tag" sale – fixed prices, nn bidding, and with each batch-made object replaced the moment it has been bought. Strongly tipped as big names of the future: the Japanese couple Shin and Tomokn Azumi, both RCA graduates. Mr Azomi's re-designed pepper mill is ingenious. Think what annoys you most about conventional pepper mills—spilling when filling, nf coorse—think of a solution, then compare it with his. Simple but not obvious put a wide, peppercorn-catching lip at the top. Price: £34 + VAT Mrs Azumi has designed a table-chest that folds. More (11am-4pm).



inscrutable than the pepper mill, it hinges to form either a horizontal table nr an upright, three-tiered storage chest. Price £535 + VAT Then there is JAM, the young trin that became famous fur its trendy lamps made out of pierced aluminium drums from washing machines. Their latest design: a three-panel screen in woven cinematic film with aluminium frame, title "3 Minutes". Price: £1,150. Entry £5, catalogue £8. Weekdays (10am-6pm), Tuesday 10 September (7.30am-6pm), Saturday-Sunday, 7-8 September



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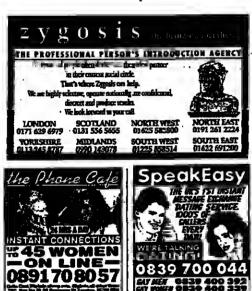
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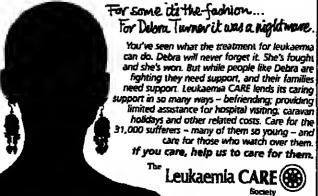
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Frank Bough braves faulty showers, gritty beaches and Mount Etna for a cracking holiday in Taormina, Sicily,

"ell me something. Why do a couple in the spring time of ald age (just over 60) and no longer encumbered by family, choose tn go on holiday in August, when it's hot, expensive, and there are hardes af children everywhere? And how is it that any of the aforesaid children under 10 years nid can move barefoot across a stony beach, when the aforesaid wrinklies need flip flops? Furtbermore, why didn't the wrinklies read the bit in the guide hook which told them that the beach in Isola Bella would play hell with their feet?

And while I'm at it, tell me something else. Why is it that those shower hoses clamped loosely to the wall in fareign hotels always fire straight through the gap in the shower curtain when you switch them an, and flood the bath-

From all this you wouldn't think that we had a cracking huliday in Tanrmina, Sicily. But we did. We spent a week on an island we'd never been to before, in a truly charming ald town, with a passegieta to rival that nf Barcelona. That's because the main street. Corso Umberto 1. is traffic-free and runs the whole length of the town. There are Roman gates at each end, and a necklace of palazzos, piazzas, churches and villas in hetween.

So numerous and pleasant are the distractions that it can take an entire morning strolling end to end. And since Tanrmina clings precariously to a steep, coastal mountain, the views at every intersection are stunning. They include nld smokey himself, Mount Etna, of whom more later.

The best holidays, of course, develop a rhythm of their own, even in just a week. Ours certainly did. Our hotel was the three-star Villa Belvedene, bed and a simple breakfast, and fabulous views from nur nwn small terrace. Each day, wherever we were going, started and ended with a walk through the town's public gardens, an absolute haven of peace and quiet and coolness. We also tank to having an aper-itif in the garden bar before our evening meal.

Early morning was for sightseeing, mostly up and down Corsn Umbertn. Then to the beach at about 11am or so for reading and swimming. Mazzars beach is so far below the town that a cable car takes you down and hack again. We chose Mazzars over Isola Bella: grit instead of after that, good heavens, it's time to do battle stones. We hired mattresses and a parasol. It's with the hotel shower and then recover with are so regulated.



Drama al fresco: tha open air theatre at Taormina, built by the Greeks and embellished by the Romans

I've long since left this transaction to my wife, ever since I asked a plagiste in the south of France for "deux matelnts" instead of "deux matelas". Mind you, he's probably never forgotten me.

And then a beach bar lunch. Prawns, mussels nr squid with a bottle of rosé - the only time we ever seem to drink it. More reading, more swimming, a little siesta perhaps, and virtually impossible not to in Italy, the beaches an aperitif. Recognise the rhythm, the pattern? I'm sure it sounds familiar.

As for dinner, the Sicilians say that the best food in Italy is in Sicily. There is a North African flavour added to it which makes it distinctly different. And the fish, particularly the fish, is mouthwatering.

There were two highlights to our week in

Sicily. One of them, a day-long trip to Mount Etna was an extraordinary, fascinating day. This was due to the fact that at the moment Etna is very frisky indeed. At night, from Taormina, sparks were visible above one of the craters, and two sbort lines of glowing lava, as well. A day trip, by coach, train, ski-lift and Jeep,

takes you somewhat disappointingly short of the very top, though on the way up t be streams

of lava that in the past carved their way through woods and villages, are quite awesome.

But quite unexpectedly (and apparently this is something decided un a daily basis) we were invited further and taken to orthogonal them. meters of a crater that was catapulting bundreds of rocks high into the air, while the earth rumbled beneath our feet. Five minutes were all we were allowed, but it was fantastic, really

After that, a trip to the theatre seemed a bit

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tame, but none the worse for it. We went to an open air theatre - fnunded by the Greeks. rebuilt by the Romans, and cut into the hillside at the top end of Taormina. Its backdrop was a sensational view of the bay below and mainland Italy beyond across the straits of Messina, with Etna stage left. The largely ltalian audience gave a noisy stow handclap as. dida started 20 minutes late, at 9.50pm. They applauded generously throughout. Curtain calls were taken at 1am, with the audience clapping on the way as they moved in the exits. A great evening under the stars.

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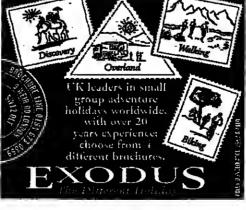
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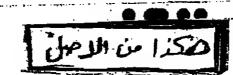
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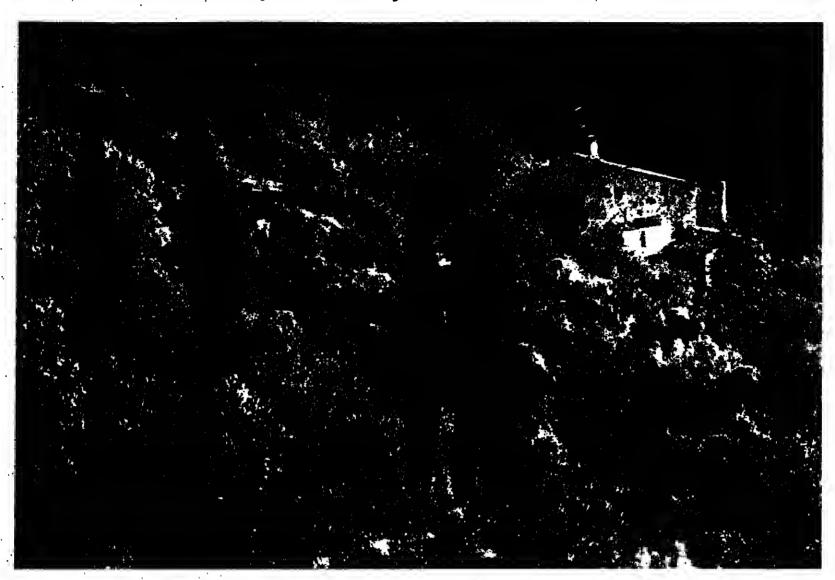
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Alexandra Cockburn

Eccentric splendour in the Florentine Hills

Edward Blincoe takes a 10-day walk in Tuscany



Green-remembere hills; the countryside lugust provides a hot Photograph: Network

met the goose. A stiff, twokilometre climb oo a very a flower bed, belp arrived in the form of a savage kick to the bird, delivered swarthy, brick-built man, who one over. instantly reminded me of Bob Headwater's 10-day tour, starting Hoskins playing Bosola, the and finishing in Florence, with two

a splendidly relaxing way to allotted two days, we were reluctant spend a holiday - until we to leave. They did almost everything wrong: employed the soo as head waiter; kept old-fashioned beds; and bot day, then we reached our final allowed Geronimo, the gander, free botel on the walk; a rather unkempt, range to harrass the guests. And yet, slightly faded 15th-century Medici the splendour of the villa, the villa, only to be charged by a hostile dellcious food (bome-produced gander, wings and neck extended and vegetables, wine, grappa and olive hissing viciously. After our terrified oil), and the eccentric nightly gavotte daughter had fallen backwards into as the Signor and Signora tried at length to sboo Geronimo back into his cage so we could proceed with by the son of the house. He was a our dinner on the lawn, won every

murderous steward to the Duchess of nights in four hotels en route, has Malfi; except Bosola liked to chat, been planned with care. Even the and the soo was a man of few words. title, Walking in the Florentine Hills, The hotel, despite a welcome has a nice ring to it. However, guide which would have won the Basil book writers, if they mention the area position, an American woman asked Fawlty cup at the B&B Oscars, at all, give it short shrift and no shrift to be directed to the garden of the

beauty around him.)

in flip-flops, yoo are oo your own. As we were poring over the map, desperately trying to locate our

ment I found was that the area was help her, she asked a local the way wobbly legs, totally overcome by the anchovy pizza and broiling sun all eauty around him.) combined to give us symptoms scripts, "I must try to relax more on The holiday starts when you are of Stendhal's disease and a raging my rest days". dropped off in the main square of thirst. Before we had got half way, we out of water, or attempting the walk subsequeot days, we took water on board like camels and filled our rucksacks with bottles so that our walks were done to the noise of slosh-

ing and gurgling. In August, it is very hot for walking, but even the highest of the hills were shaded by chesmut woods and most climbs, though long, were grad-ual. Besides, three of the four hotels complaints from my wife and daughter. We tended not to walk oo our days off; the guide books were probably right: the villages of the Mugello are functional rather than picturesque; the small towns dull and in August closed for the holidays; the churches, in the unlikely event of containing great works of art, firmly bolted, so we felt quite relaxed about lazing around, content we were missing oothing, surrounded as we were by lovely hills, peaceful wooded valby lovely hills, peaceful wooded val-leys, distant mountains, olive groves a second lap of the course.

alking through Tuscany was proved irresistible, and after our at all in August. The kindest com- famous Villa Gamberaia. Unable to and vineyards. Not that all of Headwater's clients felt the same. The log benign and rural with nothing to take and then returned and persuaded us books at each hotel, available for cusyour breath away. (This affliction - that the garden was well worth shortness of hreath in travellers - is seeing it was. But it was also hot and stay, were full of detailed accounts of known as Stendhal's disease after the we bad made inroads in the water hot climbs to distant summits, only great novelist who staggered round reserved for our journey. The steady to find the expected views obscured Florence out of breath and with climb, splendid views of Florence, by trees, or long descents to disappointing towns, and plaintive post-

The hotels are highly individual, Settignano, a village famous for the had drunk up. Fortunately, we came and range in style from a simple sceoe in which George Emersoo upoo one of the few houses oo the farmhouse hotel, which the efferstole a kiss from Lucy Honeychurch route and, miming expansively, we vescent Vera (looking, dare I say it in A Room with a View. After a brisk were rewarded with hottles of water rather like Les Dawson) ran virtually run-down by the courier on the dan-gers of stepping on vipers, running of incomprehensible directions. Oo vegetables and wine, to the immaculate Villa Campestri, which served a seveo-course Tuscan buffet-style banquet in the courtyard. An outdoor woodburning oveo was fired up in the late afternoon for the cooking of traditiooal dishes and pizzas. An amaziog variety of antipasti were laid out, followed by four different soups, fish dishes, grilled and roast meats all the while accompanied by a trio and had swimming pools and if it had not been hot there would have been loud was a wonderful evening, especially for greedy romantics.

Surprisingly, one of the simplest dishes, eaten at luoch under the beady-eyed gaze of Geronimo, stays in the memory. A warm potato salad, with tomatoes, garlic and red onioo, dressed with the estate olive oil was delicious and, so far, quite unreproducible, despite several attempts

with British ingredients. Unlike Stendhal, I was sorry to arrive back in Florence, and could



some wincers for our Summer competitioos... Clear winner of a cartoo of highly ordinary wine goes to Lesley Browne of Pimico, London, who found that the five-bob pint is still available somewhere in Europe. "On a trip to Prague this year, we discovered a roadside spitaod-sawdust bar selling draught Staropramen beer for 10 krooa (about 25 pence) for a half-litre. The har was in a street called Belohorska io the Stresovice area (Prague 6), but unfortuoately, though unsurprisiogly, I cannot recall the oame of the bar. The proof that you ask for was probably around four per ceot."

l theo asked whether air travellers had had anything coofiscated by officials that is less offensive than a can of mosquito repelleot. The answer was a resounding Yes.

Greg and Katherine Slay of Chichester flew in to Auckland on Air New Zealand. "We were required to hand over a ooe-ounce

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s August draws to a close. sealed jar of hooey that we my handbag'. The official had acquired during the flight. Customs officials were to a colleague. I was led away under strict instructions to remove any potential sources of infection. Honey is listed confiscated. as a high-risk item, even though it is readily exported and available around the world. We were intrigued, as

> A canister of honey is on its way to the Slays, hut the prize of Mosi-guard mosquito repellent goes to Janet Laming of Cambridge. She writes: "Oo arrival at Dulles airport in Washingtoo DC, I was handed a fearsome list of prohibited imports. I said lightly 'I've got an apple in

all we had intended to do was

to eat it.".

loooked grave and beckoned to a private cubicle where my apple was solemoly

"On my next visit to the United States I was greeted at immigratioo by an 11-year-old. It was Take Your Daughter to Work Day. If only I'd known, I could have taken an apple...

Britain's airports are far from free of red tape, according to a Canadian visitor, Elizabeth Pollard. Ms Pollard has just returned to Ontario after a holiday here, and found that the procedures for reclaiming tax are much

British visitors to Canada. There, you can claim a cash refund on almost all your expenditure oo the way home. Here, the bureaucracy is bewildering.
"On entering the country

at Heathrow airport, I asked the Immigratioo official where I could get informa-tion on the VAT refund programme. I was told it was the responsibility of the Customs & Excise department, hut apparently no one there knew how the scheme worked; I was given various answers to my question, all

containing the word 'think'.

Ms Pollard battled through, and spent £265 on

more complex than for various purchases. "Oo departure. I had my receipts certified at the VAT office at Heathrow, and was given a pamphlet entitled Traveller's Guide to the Retail Export Scheme. So on departure 1 was giveo the publication that I was told oo arrival did

oot exist." A quick calculation suggests that Ms Pollard was entitled to £40 in tax back. In the end, she got just £7.40 after various deductions were made. "I find this so-called tax back plan a thorough disgrace. If it cannot be operated properly for the benefit of Britain's overseas visitors, then it should be abolished."

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When real life is a stony beach

Andrew Hasson took his family from home in Brighton to holiday in Cornwall

he colours here are unreal; it looks like a foreign country," said my nine-year-old son Harry. "It's not like England at all." It was hard to disagree. Sitting on the beach at Holywell Bay in Corn-wall, just after the sun had come out from behind clouds, the sky was electric blue and a warm breeze blew across the sand. This wasn't what our two boys were used to at all; at least where English heaches were concerned.

The Atlantic tide was out when we arrived at the beach mid-morning. Walking over the dunes we reached a stretch nearly a mile long. The sky was overcast and, despite the fact that the air was warm and still, people had put up wind-hreaks as if they were going out of fash-ion; it was easy to spot the old hands who come here day after day, year after year. Out in the hay, two large rocks (Gull's Rocks) dominated our view out to sea as we settled down below

Call us mad, accuse us of being obsessed by beaches: we had come from one British seaside resort to another. But there seemed little comparison between the two. We live in Brighton and, in the summer holidays, spend a great deal of time by the water. We sit on those painfully uncomfortable pehbles and, if we've planned it right and the tide is out, the hoys (Harry 9, Tom 7) dig in the sand. There isn't much of it, but children seem to be energised simply being near the sea. So am I gised simply being near the sea. So am I, watching the sun go down while the children splash about in the waves.

This was no husman's holiday, though. Compared with Brighton's amusements - the pier, fish and chips and ice-cream - there was nothing much at Holywell Bay. A modest look-ing caravan sold a little food and drink: no fancy fare, just sandwiches, crisps, juice aod such like. That was all the entertainment on offer. But Tom and Harry weren't interested. They were in seventh heaven and, stripped off to their shorts, they shot off across the vast expanse of sand to explore the empty bay. There was more sand here than any of us had

We watched from a distance as the boys explored rocks and caves rock pools and sand dunes. "There's a mini-river over there, and mussels on the rocks." Tom told us. They could hardly get their packed lunches stuffed down them fast enough and were mentally strain-ing at the leash to get off and see if they'd missed anything.

After lunch, a steady stream of families started descending on to the sands and, by mid-afternoon, the bay had become gently busy. But this is a huge beach and we were never crowded out. We could always see the children playing and it felt very safe. Relax-

ing here was a lot easier than at Brighton. Throughout the day, the boys kept running hack, breathlessly reporting the latest discovery, hardly able to digest it themselves: "The sand's perfect - you can dig really deep with-out coming to stones. It's just sand all the way!" said Tom. "There's no pehhles and you can run harefoot. The dunes are hrilliant for jumping. There's a humungous one as hig as a room there" came another cry.

The afternoon warmed up so much, the boys needed cooling off. The sea here is beau-tiful but undeniably dangerous at certain times. We followed Harry and Tom down to the water's edge and watched as they splashed about in the surf, following strict orders not to go in below the waist. "The waves are really big and the water's so clear" they told us in

The presence of two lifeguards, sitting on a bright yellow jeep, was comforting and we made sure we kept within boundaries of their red and yellow flags. I think they warned everyone not to go in deeper than waist height, although the tannoy was so muffled that they could have heen announcing the arrival of the 12,36 for all anyone on the beach knew. Our childreo remarked that they "heard something, but couldn't understand what was being said".

As Harry remarked, it was a little like being in a foreign country. The sun, when it arrived. warmed the skin instantly and we felt we were a long, long way from Brighton.



Everything you could want from the seaside: Holywell Bay in north Cornwall has dunes, a safe beach - and no razzmatazz

Photograph: Andrew Hasson

A small, pungent and curiously exotic continent

In 1974, Jonathan Glancey worked his way across the floor of a Bristol factory. It was like a trip round the world

Utowers, was a chance to work. Knuckle down, get your hands dirty, earn your keep, pay off bills and save for a holiday. And often the job was as much of an adventure as the subsequent travels.

Of all the workshops in all the world, I felt most at home at Bristol-Myer, South Ruislip. This was a scion of a US cosmetics corporation that had taken root off London's arterial Western Avenue in a low-lying Art Deco inspired factory. Bristol-Myer made Mum Rolette, Clairol hair-conditioner, Ingram shaving cream and a canned drink ery, loading and unloading lorries, sweeping called Nutrament, a zillion caloried pick-meup for athletes that tasted, deliciously, of

A suburban factory making nothing I and laws. Chubby, easy-come, easy-go Brian, would want in adult life might seem an odd with the Elvis quiff ran Goods-In with the most exotic places on earth, seek out the sider as the narrator in Camus' L'Euranger. and highly-strung and dreamt of doing

large and Radio One loud. Broken up into clearly defined and jealous empires - Production, Warehouse, Goods-in, Goods-out and Export - this industrial family met together in the bright mezzanine canteen or else sprawled across the manicured factory

lawn during dinner break. The student's privilege was to work across departments, oow making wooden cases in which to pack delicate goods, now whizzing around the warehouse on a red electric forklift truck, cleaning production-line machin-

Crossing departments was, nevertheless, fruit-flavoured and only slightly diluted con- a hit like travelling from country to country, each with its own government, customs favourite. But, what I learnt in that pungent Peter, an ex-serviceman who span tea-break factory was a simple truth. You can travel to tales of the whores and bordelloes of the world. Richard, with the Hendrix-inspired greatest adventures, but feel as much an out- "Afro" hair ruled Export. Richard was slight

Student summers were wonderful. Here, at last, away from the langours of ivory grisly old foreman, were a family of sorts writ jan, but in between rowed furiously with and last of the old-time, shirt-and-tie genteen. There was the gorgeous Ingrid who Karol, an ex-Polish Squadron fighter pilot, once based at nearby Northolt, who had stalwartly refused to improve his English since he arrived in here in 1939. Karol was in his late-sixties, could lift bundredweight barrels of hair-oil as if they were individual cans of Nutrament, drove an ancient two-tone Hillman Minx and called everyone who crossed him a "putana". Mick, the handsome middle-aged Irishman laughed the day away alongside them, winking and "Jesusing" wryly, as Karol and Richard "effed" and

> drills, hammers and nails.
>
> A second Mick, dominated the warehouse. A gossip without equal, be pirouetted across the lino floors in his nifty fork-lift truck, exchanging news and cutting asides, cackling with laughter and employing the Saxon word for "I thrust" as only lucid Celts

"putanaed" to the accompaniment of saws,

know how.
Mick, who I liked because he despised
General Franco who still had a year before Hell claimed him, enjoyed verbal fisticuffs

tleman workers. Reg introduced me to "The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists", "Cassandra" and any number of ranting, digging, shaking and otherwise dissenting texts. He was critical of the Soviet Union and had much to say about my holiday designed to take me to Japan via the Trans-Siberian Railway.
The land of Goods-Out was overseen by

two of the most perfect industrial knights I have ever met. Bert (who drove an immaculate Morris 1100 as if it were a classic Beotlev) and John (who wohhled along on a Honda 50) sported spotless white coats and, if they were ever ruffled on a long, hot sum-mer afternoon, never showed it. John talked obsessively of black silk stockings and suspenders as he took stock of hair-spray and shaving cream, leaning back in his battered black-plastic swivel chair, whilst Bert, quiet and dignified, kept underarm deodorants rolling effortlessly across the armpits of

Europe.
Bristol-Myer women were confined to the

wore short skirts and black stockings, drove John of Despatch delirious, but wanted me to date her. There was the wonderful lady with silver hair and manners that made the Queen Mum's look a bit gor-blimey, who ran the canteen and told everyone how lovely they looked. There was Linda with the staggeringly dirty jokes and even dirtier laugh and a gaggle of the youngest white girls who spent tea and dinner breaks relating the night before's disco-action. "And she goes, and I go, and, tee hee, this bloke this and my mum says ..." I could never get enough of it.

By the end of eight weeks, I felt fit (lifting, shoving, tugging and pulling on a Pop-eye-strong diet of Nutrament) and comfortably off (my £18.50 a week basic was doubled most weeks with overtime and Saturday mornings). Most of all I felt I belonged. Since 1974, I have travelled extensively and

have had many adventures, but Bristol-Myer remains in my mind as a small, pungent and curiously exotic continent all of its

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Air Zimbabwe needs some competition.

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Bumpy ride, nice people, lovely place -Woodward family, Sussex.

I fell in love with the animals. Unfortunately they were all married already - Tony Schwartz, USA.

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Delays and confusion. Staff very pleasant. That's Africa - G Howell, Harare.

Trouble spots

Advice from our source at the Foreign Office:

Malaysia: "An epidemic of mosquito-borne dengue haemorrhagic fever is affecting certain areas of the country. The disease spreads rapidly, so backpackers should be careful when staying in low cost accommodation in densely populated areas. Carry insect repellent at all

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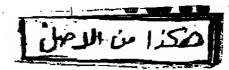
Zambia: "Tension has risen over recent weeks due to political unrest, so travellers should be very careful at least until the end of the elections in October."

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Mexico: "Crime against tourists continues to rise. Carry essential money and credit cards only, use radio or 'Sitio' taxi cabs, travel in groups and use the roads in daylight only."

Sndan: "The south of the country should be avoided due to a cholera epidemic. 700 have so far died and a further 1,800 cases of the disease have been reported."

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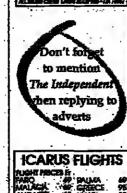
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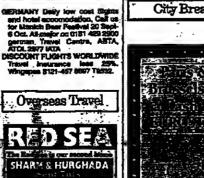


















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Snowy peaks and bartered brides

At Imilchil in the Atlas Mountains, they do a brisk trade in camels and wives. By Jack Barker

igh in the Atlas, at the annual Imilchil market, Berber vendors sell anything and everything: goats, fossils, food, old clothes. Most popular among the locals are new and second-hand wives. The festival has its origins in the strange behaviour of two lakes, Tislit and Isni. Once a year, swelled by the summer melt of snow, the two lakes join for just a few days. In the barren mountains the symbolism seems obvious, and quickly acquired a Romeo and Juliet myth of two children of warring tribes and the tale of their doomed love.

For as long as anyone can remember there's been an annual gathering of mountain nomads bere, where couples are allowed to meet and choose their own partners. In a country where marriages are generally planned by parents this is most unusual, and a party atmosphere blooms in the sands for three short days before the tribes scatter again.

For tourists, getting there is balf the fun. At first the road looks fine: a strip of tarmac flits straight as an arrow across parched desert. But gradually the low shade on the borizon that marks the foothills of the High Atlas gets closer. As the road steepens from Morocco's Atlantic plane to climb the High Atlas, it fades to a rocky track. A hitchhiker gave me a ray of hope – at least some-one believed I'd make it – but be turned out to be a flatland factory worker on holiday; another tourist, Weighed down with an extra body I inched the rented Fiat Uno over rocks and careered through sand-drifts, steadily climbing.

It was dark when we arrived at the twin lakes. Imilchil village looked a quiet, sleepy place. A buddle of high, window-less buildings was surrounded by ricefields and there was no sign of any market. One of the two hotels had a Berber tent on the roof and another by the back door. I was not impressed. I hadn't braved death on the mountains for a twotent festival. The botelier pointed out that the market was a short walk from town. Ten miles was what he meant.

The next morning I arrived there with a truckload of latecomers, faces wrapped with long, indigo scarves against the dust. Sprawling across the gentle slopes was a forest of tents, stalls, and people. The traffic crawled past a tanker selling

teeming with flies. Groups of giggling girls in blue ethnic costume, trailed past stalls selling silver jewellery and glanced shyly at men. Tents – usually of hide but sometimes plastic speeting - housed prosper-ous-looking merchants sitting crosslegged among piles of carpets. Second-hand flip-flops and charity-shoplike jackets sprawled in fire-sale-type heaps across the sandy paths. A small trestle table covered in pliers was a mobile dentist's surgery.

On a make-shift stage, an amplification system was set up. A couple of suits from the ministry of culture embarked on long speeches but soon gave way to musicians who stood in a row and performed standing-on-a-cat's-tail music. My finely-tuned tourist antenna twitched. I knew what was coming next: choreographed folkloric dancing. Quickly I walked over to the motoring section.

Except there were no cars, just animals. Donkeys, camels and horses bad a hillock each. The air was filled with the shouts of salesmen extolling their creatures and offering test drives. On the donkey hill, the buyers and sellers were pretty casual. Older animals could be ridden normally, but the hottest business was in unbroken animals, and a steady stream of purchasers bounced off a donkey's rear haunches. The atmosphere at the carnel hillock was more considered, reflecting the higher status of these animals, with cups of tea as part of the bargaining process. Things could still go wrong. A wilful camel scraped off his rider by lying down and rolling in the shale and then headed off for the horizon: all dignity was forgotten as the owner charged off in pursuit, turban

Back at the main stage the speeches had stopped and the main business of the market - fast romance - was taking place under parents' watchful eyes. Hands were beld and smiles exchanged as young couples strolled around the stalls. Potential mothers-in-law watched closely, ready to take charge of negoti-ating a bride-price before things went too far. In three baroque tents, new engagements (and divorces) were recorded by a notary. Young - and sometimes old - men, dressed in flowing white robes with ornamental silver daggers, milled around in groups. Streams of young brides, also petrol by the jug and by a butcher's table wearing white, flowed past the men and until dawn lightens the sky.



into the marquees, while groups of parents baggled over the small print of the marriage contract and looked after the bride's trousseau, usually a carpet for the tent she boped to live in. Most marriages arranged at the wedding market take place later in village ceremonies. How-ever, some, fired by the vibrant atmos-phere, happen in the glare of publicity and celebration at the market itself. In a theatrical ritual more in tune with the Middle Ages than the 20th century, families gather round to act their parts in rustic performances involving tattered suitcases, symbolic gifts, prancing horses and dazed sheep. Against a chaotic background of zithering traditional tunes, crowds dance all night in a party frenzy. The bard core carries on

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When to go

The marriage market at Imichil lasts three days. This year it will be taking place from 13 to 15 September.

Who to ask

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Marriage for sale: Berber brides at the Imichil market in the Atlas

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Sue Wheat is horrified at the damage being done by golf tourism

Ome time ago I went to a conference in south east Asia on behalf of the pressure group Tourism Concern. It was there that I started to find out just how much golf courses and golf tourism were held to be major causes of ecological destruction and human rights abuse for many com-munities. The Global Anti-Golf Movement was formed shortly after this, such was the intensity of feeling.

Of course, golf courses can act as nature reserves. Some

are designed with minimum landscaping, some recycle water, and some use few pesticides. But it is also true that 40,000 or so golf courses worldwide have now turfed over an area the size of Holland. At first sight, golf courses appear to be green and therefore environmentally useful. But golf course design is often brutal - mountain's are capped. marine environments polluted from run-off, forests felled - all for the sake of a little white ball. And of course, to keep the greens green you often need pesti-cides. The fact that US Golf Course Superintendents have a higher incidence of cancer and US Ladies Golf Professionals can get free mammograms, speaks for itself. Water is a scarce resource yet golf courses are watered liberally while communities in the Mediterranean, Africa, Asia and even here in the UK have water restrictions. Golf courses are even built in deserts, and as an Egyptian engineer recently commented to me: "to do that is as stupid as taking the desert to Switzerland".

Golf protests are now happening in almost every country in the world. Even politicians and scientists are joining the anti-golf fray. Senator Juan Flavier in the Philippines, argues that the amount of water used on one golf course could serve 6,000 Manila residents - a figure that rises to 60,000 in rural areas. And the human rights abuses associated with golf are also increasing. In the Pbilippines,

Worth about \$40 billion to the US and Europe alone, golf is no longer the homely game we all know and love. It is a multi-billion dollar industry that through the world's largest industry - tourism - has been exported all over the

After that first conference, I came bome and researched the issue in the UK. Here, too, communities were fighting developments after the boom in golf course applications in 1989. With 2379 courses in the UK - 61 per cent of Europe's courses - and 476 new courses built in the last five years, do we really need any more? People in Sussex, Surrey, Wales, London and Jersey were all coming up with the same answer – no. The golf boom has now slowed, according to the Golf Research Group, although around 50 courses are still built in the UK every year. But still environmental questions need to be raised. When we are being asked to use water sparingly because of shortages, is it right that golf courses can use as much as they like? According to Friends of the Earth, the biggest threat to wildlife in the UK is now lack of water, yet only a bandful of golf courses are using waste water for irrigation. Essex Council's Golf Report states that an 18-hole golf course could end up using 1m litres of water a day. Multiply that by 60 days for a normal swamer, and by 2,379 – the number of UK courses – and you bave 142,740 million litres that is not lost from our rapidly decreasing water reserves. Or put it another way - 2.548 litres of water per person in the country to bathe in, grow food with, or drink. Which seems more sensible to you?





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Diving down like fighter planes

Sara Macrae took her son Calum and daughter Athene to the Hawk Conservancy near Andover

he Hawk Conservancy near Andover in Hampshire, is a place of dramace action and atmosphere. Flying is a place of dramace action and atmosphere. Flying demonstrations take place every afternoon, wheo birds of prey are let loose to swoop through the skies.

– and return. Visitors tend to be particularly spell-bound by the condors, 11 feet across and more than 20lbs in weight, which skim above their heads and fight their way up towards the thermal currents that will carry them across the valley beyond.

The display in the Valley of the Eagles is not a predictable, tame demonstration, such as might be seen at any stately home or game fair. Once released from the high downland ridge, the birds roam further than the eye can see, according to the weather and their whim. Mowglie the bateleur eagle, elegant in flight but ootoriously unpredictable, was recently set loose to show his skills one Monday afternoon and only glided back, fit but slightly overweight, during the following Friday's demonstration. Happily for poodle owners in Andover and Basingstoke, his diet consists exclusively of carrion. Avianes at the Hawk Conservancy contain more than 200 birds of prey, both indigenous to Britain and exotic. Some are injured or disabled birds that would not survive out in the wild, some are members of rare species requiring captive conservation. Others, such as kites, which once scavenged in the streets of Shakespeare's London, are being bred in the tiops of re-establishing wild colonies. The main aim of this Charity, is to educate the public in the ways and beauty of the raptor. More than half the kites released so far in England have been slaughtered within months by farmers and gamekeepers, despite the fact that they are incapable of killing prey.

Children get a chance to bandle small and harmless "imprints", convinced through long captivity that they are really human, whilst adults are allowed the thrift of the small. ing to the glove Harris hawks that know with successful that they are wild hunters. Allowing time to tour all solutions one afternoon is scarcely enough time to appreciate the Hawk Conservancy. As Ashley Smith, the young, driffins in astic owner of the enterprise, happily admits, "I ha a clue quite what's going to happen."

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Sara Macrae, an artist and designer from Amesbury in W shire; took her son Calum 16, and Micheller Affres the Hawk Conservancy, near Antique in Plantaints

Calum: "It was a really good day out. Seeing all the eagles" and valtures up in the air was anazing the way they could be sufficiently bit the control of the whistles and calling of the keepers trying to get them back. The kites were good as well, diving down like fighter planes to steal the food—and I enjoyed it when the Harris hawk soared in and landed on my glove. It was quite scary when I felt his wings brush past my face, but I still safe. Sara: "A five-star day out, because there was absolutely wanted another go. My favourité hird was the fish each."

injured. Lots of the birds come back even when they're free and we saw some buzzards they let go last year up there don't often get that on a day outing with children!"

Crowds: About 40,000 visitors a year. Not overcrowded even on bank holidays, and very peaceful oo autumn afternoons.



wanted another go. My favourite bird was the fish eagle, nothing shoddy about it. You didn't feel for a minute that because it eats storks and flamingoes with the story cool of your drather be somewhere else, and all the demonstrations and definitely come again."

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Location: The Flawk Conservatory (01264 772252) is signposted off the A303 four miles west of Andover, and is open daily between 1 March and the first Sunday in November from 19.30am. Last admission is 5pm in susamer and 4pm in autumn. Flying demonstrations in the Valley of the Eagles are at 2pm each day and other displays are held at noon, 3pm and 4pm. A shaded area of the car park is specially

Education plays a vital role in the work of the Conservancy. There is a study centre, with displays and inter-active computer programmes, and there are books on sale in the shop. One- and two-day courses on falcoury and the practicali-ties of owning birds of prey are held throughout the win-ter season. Education packs are available to help with school

Acress for the disabled and children in buggies is relatively good, without any steps to negotiate, though some paths

happier when someone else's Royal Shakespeare Theatre. hand is on on the belm. Fortu- Prices: £2 (adult); £1 (child).

Hamish Scott

More playschool than art school: Derek Jarman's low-maintenance garden

Dungeness holds a surprising fascination for young children, as Louise Levene found out

but Derek Jarman's cottage at Dungeoess bolds a surprising fascination for the very young. Jarman's now famous plot flourishes in the shadow of Dungeoess ouclear power statioo but despite this sinister presence on the

and cotton lavender. The big difference between their efforts and nature's own arrangement is the obsessive display of stones and objets trouves that transform his slice of beach into a sculptural mag-

Every day, failing health permitting, Jarman would prowl the beach with a large leather satchel gathering twisted shards of driftwood and sinister curis of wire to adorn his stony beds. Every tod-

Visitors approach the cottage rather gingerly looking for a kiosk or a turnstile to legitimise their trespass. Like all the gardens oo this weird stretch of road, Prospect Cottage has no boundaries and wandering into someone's garden uninvited and unsupervised is an odd experience for the seasoned garden visitor. Tread carefully, the cottage is inhabited and although St Derek's pilgrims are not discouraged, simple good manners should prevent anyone pic-

is syour cue to take in a few other calculated attractions. Once a child has calculated the Age of Negoriation (like berty, this varies enormously) the cospect of a trip op the old lighthouse a ride on the Romney. Hythe and a ride on the Romney, Hythe and a ride on the Romney. this is your cue to take in a few other local attractions. Once a child has reached the Age of Negotiation (like puberty, this varies enormously) the prospect of a trip op the old lighthouse.

The stony front garden of a dead aes- Dymchurch railway or a safe paddle at thete may oot seem an obvious Camber Sands should guarantee rea-choice for a day out with coddlers, sonable behaviour while the grown-ups

do the thing they want to do. You may, of course, want lunch "Lunch in the country" always sounds attractive hut only a fool would try to lunch in Lydd. The town does not fea-ture in the Good Food Guide and there despate ims sinister presence on the horizoo the area is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is home to a bird sanctuary.

Unlike the pantiled bungalows of Romney, whose gardens are an orgy of gay bedding. Jarman's gardeo and those of his oeighbours are only permitted to grow indigenous plants such as sea kale and cotton lavender. The big difference to the difference of the Good Food Guide and there is a very good reasoo for this. I once made the mistake of stopping for what is laughingly known as a Ploughman's came out of a jar and the bread was still frozen solid in the middle. The journeymen of Olde England must have been very easy to please if they were been very easy to please if they were sustained by this muck. The proudly advertised pub garden always seems an attractive option when you have small children until you discover that it is, in fact, two filthy, wasp-infested picnie tables sited on a patch of waste ground covered in dogshit. Picnie on Camber Sands, synabble in the car, anything but

a frozen ploughman.
When the tide has finally crept up the wire to adorn his stony beds. Every todder who has ever amassed a collection of interesting stones relates to this immediately – arranging all the blue and grey pebbles in a circle to form a pond is really more playschool than art school.

Visitors approach the cottage rather gingerly looking for a kiosk or a turngingerly looking for a kiosk or a turngerly looking the interest and wander about the arrow sits – ideal for supervised play, and not a glass case in sight. and not a glass case in sight.

Carriey negotiators may be able to buy themselves an hour at Christopher Lloyd's garden at Great Dixter en route to this mosted marvel. Docile children will be fascinated by the fish and water-boatmen in the pond and enjoy guessing what Lloyd's bulbous topiary animals are supposed to be. More active types will probably make a onisance of themselves running Besides, the childreo's wonderment around the paths and spoiling it for the will only last for about 15 minutes and old cardigus who are there for the can-



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Six of the best things to do around Dungeness

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this is the stuff of pure, old-fashioned nostalgia. Trips start from Kinthury, which is halfway between Newbury and Hungerford, and last for an hour or more. The Company also runs somewhat faster, motorised barges, which start from Newbury Wharf. Prices: £3.90 (adult), £2.80

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Boathouse, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire (01789 267073) A trip on the River Avon in ooe of the gangplank and follow the these gondolas costs £30 for a cooducted tour over the three half-hour trip and there is capacity for five passengers, who are serenaded by a wind-up gramophooe. Advance booking is a must. The company's venerable launches such as Britannia, built

Britain is a maritime nation but in 1906, run regularly every day from Easter to the end of October. They start at the waterfront of Bancroft Gardens next to the

00 which landlubbers can be Coniston Launch, Castle Buildpress-ganged without having to ings, nr Sawrey, Ambleside, Cum-wonder exactly how far away the hria (015394 36216) Gales permitting, the small but good ship Ruskin criss-crosses the top of Coniston Water and provides the best way to visit Brantwood House, the attractive home of the Victorian artist and writer John Ruskin. Catch her at the jetty of Coniston village, leaving at 10.30 am and hourly every day uotil 3 November. Also, at 2 pm on Wednesdays during September, "Conservatioo Cruises" chug down through Arthur Ransome country. Prices: from £1.20 to £6 (children half-price, dogs 40p).

> Queen Boadicea II, National Waterways Museum, Llanthony Warebouse, Gloucester Docks (01452 318054). Sixty years old and a former Dunkirk "little ship", the QBII leaves Merchants Onay for trips ranging from 45 Quay for trips ranging from 45 minutes to six hours. Some cruises include the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal, which may be a new one on you but when it opened 170 years ago was the world's widest and deepest; 14 bridges pop up to let the ship past. Other trips go towards Tewkesbury on the aquatic motorway of the River Severn. Prices: from £2.50 (adult) £1.75 (child).

HMS Trincomalee, Jackson Dock, Hartlepool (01429 223193) This one is for real landlubbers. The oldest British warship affoat (1817) isn't going anywhere. At the visitors' centre don the safety helmet to protect your cranium from the low ceilings, then walk decks. Children can let off a (simulated) hroadside on the cannons. Prices: £2.50 (adult),

Jonathan Sale

Fear no more the planning inspector

If you're applying for permission to alter your house, don't be intimidated by the bureaucrats, says Clive Fewins. They aim to please

n a celebrated case in the late Eighties, an Oxford man had a protracted battle with local planners when he wished to insert a fibreglass model of a shark in the roof of his suburban, terraced house. After six years he won. The shark is still there, its tail. protruding 30ft into the air from the roof of the building. In his 1992 appeal decision permitting the shark to stay, the planning inspector stated that it is not the purpose of planning to enforce a "boring and mediocre uniformity" on the built environment.

Running counter to popular opinion, the episode actually serves to illustrate the freedom we enjoy in our planning system, which, according to Oxfordshire-hased local authority planning officer Ken Dijksman, is one of the least restrictive in Europe.

Mr Dijksman points out that a non-listed house that is not in a conservation area can be extended by up to 15 per cent, or up to 50 cubic metres - whichever is the greater - without planning permission. It can go as high as the rest of the building as long as it is not within two metres of the boundary of the property.

He adds that if your property is not listed or in a conservation area you can cover up to 50 per cent of the surrounding plot with out-buildings of up to four metres in height. In some circumstances, these buildings may be used as living accommodation.

Mr Dijksman maintains that, in fact, the British planning system allows so much scope that in some instances people complain that it is too free – especially over the regulations governing the erection of satellite dishes.

"Despite the system having changed little over the years, the penny has not dropped with most people submitting applications," he says. "People do not seem to realise that they have enormous freedoms. It's usually just a case of using these freedoms - permitted development rights io planners' jargon - to their advantage.
"It is always wise to consult your local

planners informally before you go to the trouble and expense of having a plan drawn up.," he continues. "Unless the plan is likely to be refused in principle - because it directly contravenes a local or national planning guideline - most planning departments will be prepared to negotiate."

The key thing when drawing up a scheme is not to ask the questioo "what do I want?" but "what can I do?" he explains. "Most planning officers spend their lives running round like lunatics and will oot have time to say: 'If you make this a little smaller you will oot oeed planning permission'. The onus really is 00 you, as the applicant, to ask the right questions."

Mr Dijksman says that because of misconceptions people often shy away from submitting really imagioative schemes that might well be acceptable to planners. "In eight years I can count the number of really imaginative schemes I have had to deal with on the fingers of one hand. For all sorts of reasons people prefer to play safe and the end result far too often is mediocrity.

"It is true that sometimes planners will recommend changes to the more imaginative

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what is already present nearby, but in general they welcome imaginative schemes."

Four years ago Mr Dijksman wrote a book, Planning Permission: The Essential Guide for Homeowners, which he published himself. It sold 3,000 copies and, as a privately produced publication, made very little profit. He has just produced a second impression.

As well as teaching applicants to ask the right questions, the book deals with appeals against refusal of planning permission and both how to object and overcome objections by lobbying local councillors.

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"This is quite revolutionary," says Mr Dijksman. "It will give ammunition to local authorities to say to applicants make it more interesting. And it will, bopefully, encourage people to get away from the repetitiveness of house design in so many parts of the country and will result in far more local distinctiveness. It is very much to be welcomed."

> Planning Permission: The Essential Guide for Homeowners by Ken Dijksman, price £11.95 (including p&p), is available from Portland Books, 28, Wytham Street, Oxford OX1 4TS

Planning permission — the groundwork

Before submitting an application:

Check whether you live in a conservation area, a national park or an area of outstanding natural beauty. In all of these, the normal permitted development rights do not

usually apply.

Talk informally to your local planners and explain what you have in mind before employing someone to draw up your plans.

Don't seek any written pre-application advice—
informal written comments are likely to be less hasty, partial assessment of your proposal. This could have an influence on the formal consideration of the planning application, if it

Resist the temptation to leave a copy of your sketch proposal with the planning officer. This is because the sketch is unlikely to be an accurate or sophisticated representation of what you are seeking and could lead to an

A site meeting with the planning officer is probably the best method of gauging the likelihood of an approval. However, not all Itemative is to submit photographs. It is often wise to ask the person who draws up your plans to act as your agent in dealing with the planning authority. Try to find someone who has had previous dealings with your local planners - and preferably had plans passed by them.

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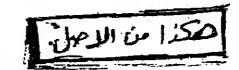
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Tobacco industry has long been characterised by high profit margins

t has been a rough few weeks for the tobacco industry, now the subject of one of its periodic bouts of jitters about the impact of litigation in the United States. Shares in the leading tobacco groups have taken a pasting since a Florida court awarded a 66year-old lung cancer sufferer \$750,000 in compensation early in August. The judgment was made against Brown & Williamson, a subsidiary of BAT Industries. one of Britain's largest tobacco companies. Its shares have fallen sharply over the past year and are now trading about 25 per ceot below their high for the last 12 months. It is a similar story for the big two companies in the United States, RJR Nabisco and Philip Morris.

It is not the first time the tobacco companies have lost a case of this sort - an earlier judgment in 1986 was overturned on appeal – but it is still a potentially significant development for an industry which has for years successfully held the line against legal claims that it is liable for ill-health caused by smoking. It oertainly could not come at a more awkward time for Hanson Trust, which plans to float its tobacco company, Imperial Tobacco, this autumn as part of a four-way demerger designed to add value for its shareholders.

The tobacco companies have always based their

defence against claims of this sort on two main argu-

ments. One is their vehement denial that tobacco is

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figures solemnly appeared before a Congressional com-mittee to swear on oath that they did not believe tobacco to be an addictive substance. The industry's argument, essentially, is that it cannot be addictive since so many people successfully give it up.

The second argument the industry deploys is that it cannot be held liable for any ill-effects caused by smoking since smokers are fully aware of the potential hazards. Health warnings have been printed on addictive. Only two years ago, seven leading industry cigarette packets since the middle of the 1960s and

most smokers, so the companies argue, can be assumed to know the risks they are running

However, the Florida case is the first time that a jury has been allowed to hear evidence, which suggests the industry may have been less than honest about the addictive nature of its product. The evidence is based on a number of leaked company documents which appear to show that industry experts had privately admitted

tobacco was addictive as long ago as the early 1960s. If the Florida judgment is upheld on appeal, it could open the floodgates and land the industry with legal liabilities running to literally billions of dollars. As one stockbroker breezily admitted last week, it would make the asbestos liabilities incurred by Turner & Newell seem "like a drop in the ocean". Given that under American law, lawyers who succeed in winning legal liability cases of this sort can keep 25 per cent of any damages awarded, it is no surprise that some of the larger law firms in the US are standing by to take on the industry. Where does all this leave investors? Exposed, is the

short answer. Tohacco may not be everybody's idea of an agreeable business, but nobody can deny the attraction of its underlying economic characteristics. In the words of Warreo Buffett. America's most famous investor, the economics are just "great": "You make a product for a penny, you sell it for a dollar, and you sell it to addicts. And it has tremendous brand

loyalty". But the drawback is the stigma of investing

in an industry whose product is known to kill people.

The industry has long been characterised by high profit margins, strong cash flow and powerful brands. the stuff of which, in any other business, investment legends are made. All the tobacco companies have huge dividend-paying capacity, and are staple holdings in most institutional portfolios. It was partly for this reason that RJR Nabisco became the subject of the higgest and most controversial takeover battle of the 1980s.

BATs' market value, even at today's depressed prices, is over £13bn and it offers a dividend yield of 7 per cent. Imperial Tobacco, according to its prospectus, is aiming for a similar yield when it is fluated this autumn. Unlike the Big Three, which have all diversified, Imperial will be a "pure" tobacco company. Uniquely, also, however, it has no business in the US and expects to be immune from any fall-out from the litigation

shadow hanging over the rest of the industry.

All the tobacco companies suffer because of the huge question marks over future litigation. If you focus solely on the tobacco element in companies like Philip Morris, you can buy their profits for a lower price than almost any other mainstream consumer business. Assuming you have no ethical objections, the invest-ment decision turns on your judgment about the likely

course of events oo the other side of the Atlantic. Not surprisingly, the industry is lighting back strongly. It plans to appeal on the Florida case, and has taken comfort from a subsequent judgment in Indiana which went the other way. President Clinton mean-while, for blatant political reasons, has supported moves to have the tobacco industry regulated by the Federal Drugs Administration, Behind the scenes in Washington, however, there is talk of a deal by which the tobacco companies are offered immunity from future litigation in return for making a series of one-off payments to health authorities across the US.

If that happens, it will boost tobacco shares. But for the moment, the uncertainty will continue to cripple the industry's ratings. Tobacco shares are either a har-gain or a potential minefield. My hunch is that they are still the former, but a better bet would be to find a way of investing in the only certain winners - the lawyers.

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Do you want a stockhroker's profits estimate for a com-pany in your portfolio? Go to the Hemmington Scott site (www.hemscott.co.uk/hemscott). Its UK Equities Direct is the only on-screen service to provide free access to facts and figures of all 2,300 stock market companies. It also has share price charts and trading outlook statements - just the data you oeed to decide the fate of your shares portfolio.

But don't expect to do stockbroking dealing over the Interoet, although electronic mail (e-mail) can be used to contact your broker. Despite what is said by companies offering services over the Internet, they have still to overcome doubts oo the issue of Internet security. Stockhrokers Fidelity Brokerage (www.fidelity.co.uk)

want to provide an on-screen dealing service eventually. That could he up and running by the autumn, although deals would be done through investors' computer modems linked directly to a telephone oumber at Fidelity. "Our priority will be to ensure security for investors," admits Judith McMichael, European Marketing Director.

One of the most useful pages on the Fidelity site is the monthly listing of its most actively traded shares.

addresses after you input a few key words. For a good finance-based search engine, head for the InterNeck Financial Database (www.inect.co.uk/).

A oumber of information services give you the feel of the Internet without enjoying the principal benefit of being free. They charge on the basis of how much time you are hooked up and may have Internet access as well. One example is CompuServe (0800 289378). It provides a directory of its services to potential subscribers plus the software you need to get rted. It levies charges moothly direct to your credit card.

A lot of the information for UK investors and savers is available free from other sites. Infotrade offers a Rolls-Royce service for the private investor. It also has a site on the Internet (www.infotrade.co.uk/), although its information service is separate and accessed through dialling a 0990 trunk call number. Infotrade is to introduce a lo-call (0345) number soon, allowing access at the cost of a local call. One of its services is the AFX news wire service which provides the full stock market text of company announcements.

Infotrade comes at a fraction of the cost of real-time news service Market Eye, although this latter service, costing a subscription fee of from £450 to £1,200 a year, uses a standard TV aerial socket so it does not incur additional telephoneline charges. Even so, for the occasional user of financial information Infotrade provides a good entry for upwards of £10 a mooth, including two hours of free access to the Internet.

Infotrade's direct competitor is Electronic Share Infor-One way to navigate around the Internet is to find a good "matioo (www.esi.co.uk/). In return for registering on-line, "search engine". This helps by putting up a number of site Internet users can access information for free, including

prices of the top 400 stocks updated eight times day as well as headlines from ESI's financial news service. Other services cost upwards of £5 per month and include share price performance charts, daily personal portfolio valuation and a share tip of the week from tipster Nigel Bolitho. A usage charge is levied on some services. It also has "gateway" access to stockbroker ShareLink, through which investors can place a buy or sell codes. a buy or sell order. The broker would execute the order within five minutes.

Not on the Internet yet? The hasic equipment you need to get "wired" is, firstly, a computer – any reasonably mod-ern computer will do – either an IBM compatible (PC) run-ning Windows 3 or better, or an Apple Macintosh. For best results it should have at least a 486 processing silicon chip and four meestings of window access recorded (RAM) and four megabytes of random access memory (RAM).

Secondly, you will oeed a modem - basically this a box that converts the digital output of your computer into that that can be conveyed over telephone lines. That will set you back around £200. Go for one with speeds offering 28.800 bits a second or faster (this is sometimes known as baud rate). A cheaper, and hence slower modem, is a bad buy as you will be plugged into the Internet for longer and pay higher telephone bills as a result. Finally, you need a telephone

socket. Theo just plug in your modern.

That's the easy bit. The next stage is to sign up with an Interoet access provider. There are over 100 in the UK and their names and telephone oumbers can be found in the various Internet or computer publications on sale. The best known are Pipez, Demon and Delphi, Linking up will cost £10 to £15 a month. For cheapness choose one with a so-called "Point of Presence" (POP) in your local telephone area.

The POP is the telephone number your computer connects to when you link up with the Internet. If it is local then you will only pay a local telephone charge, thus keeping bills to a minimum. Internet providers normally send you some of the Internet software you need - and a lot of useful software can then be downloaded.

If you areo't "wired" yet, there are an increasing number of Internet bars and cafes where, for the price of an expensive cup of coffee, you can "surf" for around half an hour.
Don't expect to get far in that time. But at least you will see how easy it is to use and they also have helpers on hund.

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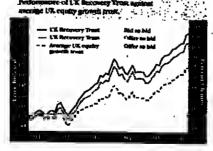
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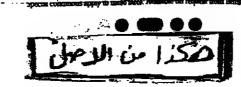
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aurinus investors could be pop-ping down to the Fost Office to buy a personal pension from National Savings if New Labour gets into power and the Civil and Public Services Association, which represents National Savings staff, gets its way. Labour MP Frank Field submitted a private member's bill to promote the idea this summer but it was talked out. With a Labour govern-

ment he hopes for a better hearing. Few would dispute the claim that. with lifetime employment in appar-ently terminal decline and the state pension shrivelling, personal pension plans are the best way to provide for old age (although it cannot be said too often that a company-sponsored scheme which the employer contributes to is always going to be bet-ter than a personal scheme which the employee pays for alone).

But personal pension plans are according to luck and the timing of invested largely in company shares, an individual's retirement. and although this has been the best investment over the long-term and over almost all periods over five years, shares could conceivably collapse as they did in 1974 and 1987. Most of the population which had some kind of private sector pension to look forward to then had company pensions, or "with-profits" pension policies which the providers smoothed from year to year.

Things would be different now, if the market collapsed just as a generation came up for retirement. Under rules introduced last year, it is possible to invest a pension fund on retire-ment and live off the income before buying the final pension when the fund has recovered. But whichever way you slice it, personal pensions invested in shares could vary greatly stocks which are guaranteed to those who could least afford it.

A National Savings Pension Plan would, however, he invested in National Savings products, guaran-teed by the government. Bryn Davies, a director of Union Pension Services, thinks they should be invested in fixed-rate long-dated stocks which would give a guaranteed return at retirement and even beyond.

The longest existing stock is Treasury 8 per cent maturing in 2021. which last week was offering 8.12 per cent a year for 25 years. If the NSPP offered immediate tax relief on every pound invested and the interest was tax-free, and reinvested tax-free each year, it could provide a tidy return. Another possibility would be to invest in index-linked government

inflate in line with the cust of living and also pay an inflatinn-linked rate of interest, currently around RPI plus 3.6 per cent.

With a limited range of investment instruments an NSPP should cost much less to administer than personal pensions. As such, they should appeal to low-paid and contract workers who cannot guarantee to make the regular monthly payments of £30 or more which most personal

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Northern Rock has reintroduced its 6 per cent casbback offer on mortgages and remortgages with effect from next week. The maximum rebate is £9,000. The offer is conditional on taking the lender's house and contents insurance, bowever, and anyone who makes their own arrangements can only get a 5 per cent cashback. Interest is

charged at Northern Rock's current standard variable rate of 6.99 per cent, which is near the top end of the market range. The cash-back must be repaid on amounts redeemed in the first six years. John Charcol is offering

a two-year fixed rate mortgage at 5.99 per cent, available on up to 90 per cent of valuation on purchases and remortgages. A valuation fee of £150 is refunded on completion. legal fees including VAT are £300 on purchases and £150 on remortgages. There are no penalties for early redemption.

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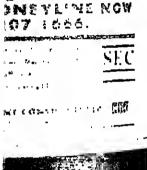
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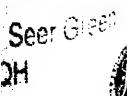
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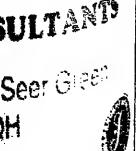
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Arts and entertainment listings

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SWEET CHIEF (1996) (15) Exploration of gay sexuality during a long, hot summer: Oxforn Memorine, Lete Sy 6.40, 8.55 BLOOD SEPPLE (18) Re-release of the Coen brothers' classic thriller. ABC Piccadilly (Formerly MGM) 1.30, 3.40, 6.00, 8.20 THE CARLE GRY (12) Rictous connedy star-ring Jim Carrey. Vigin Trocadoro 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10; Warner West End 9:10, 11:20 THE CROSSING CHARD (18) Tense prison theilles graving Jack Nichobon. Curson West thriller statring Jack Nicholson. End 1.00 (Sat). 3.25, 5.50, 8.20

DEAD MAN (18] Jim Jarmusch's unconven-tional Western starring Johnny Depp. Virgin Haymarket 2.15, 5.10, 8.10 Haymarket 2.15, 5,10, 8,10

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EXECUTIVE DECISION (15) Tense thriller star-ring Kurt Russell, Warner Wen End 12-40, 3-20, 6-20, 8-40 THE EXORCIST (18) Classic horror. Login Trocadero Sat 12-20am

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THE LAST SUPPER (15) Black comedy..ABC Shaftesterr Ave 2.40, 5.40, 3.40; Virgin Hay-market L45, 4.05, 6.25, 8.45

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entific detective story stars Frances de la Tour and Graham Crowden. Today 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Olivier: £12.632.50. Lattalance

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th area gets a fare revival, Most-Sat 7.30pm, ends 13 Sep. £10, cones £6. Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706) & Notting Hill Gate. CERTAINING THERETOE. the life of an idealistic art critic. Mos-Sat 7,45pm, man Sat 2,30pm, ends 5 Oct. £9,25-£15.50, conce available. Crooms Hill, SE10

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mona scenes. Ends Sen. £4, cones £2.50. Blane Barbarg Abstract drawings. Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2pm-5.50pm, ends 27 Oct, free, Millbank, SWI (0171-887.8000) • Pinifico.

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aslongside St Ives prists, Mon-Sar Hum-7pm, Sun Ham-Spin, ends 3 Nov. £3, cones £) 50. Porthmoor Beach (01736-796226)

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comes £4. Loudou ENSIEVE AT CHALCAFE THEATE

The week's news with a bit of storg and these thrown in. Budght 10pm, Sun 9pm, Bridge House Pub, Delamere Terrace, W2 (0171-2896054) & Royal Oak, £5, comes £4, plots arising £1. COMPLY STORE

Michey Hutton MCs for Andy Robinson, Helen Austin, Parl Zenon, Les Kern. Runight Span, Osendon Street, SW1 (01426-914433) & Piccadilly Carass, E10. RECORD CLUB AT PROCEASS WAVE Richard Allen MCs for Helen Austin, Andre

Vincent, Harriet Bowden, Norby West. Euright 5,30pm, Essen Road, N1 (0171-813 4478) & Angel, Id., concr. £5. EAST DURWICE THEED Sund-up controlly with Steve Bowdisch, IJul Le, Martin Sons and Andy Sazart. Thatjels 9pm, Lordship Lane, SE22 (8)81-299 4138) BR: North Dalwich, £5, cones £4.

IMMERSTERN COMEDY CLUB AT THE Andre Vincent, Kevin Hayes, Bob Dillinger. Rmight 8pm, Englands Lane, NW3 (0171-433 3647) & Belsins Park, 56, cones 25.

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CESHICK COMEN CLUB AT REPORTS CAFE Sean Meo, Man With The Board, Simou Fox. Short spots. Tought 9pm, Stilehall Pacade, Crawink High Road, W4 (0181-7421649) O Gurmensbury, £6, come £4,

GOMES ON A STUDENCY MORAL AT THE FOLIAME & FRIGHT Sally Rollinmay MCI for Steven K Amos, Harvey O'Leny, Thought 8,30pm, Farlier Street, WCZ (0171-405 0590) & Covent Garden, Holbom, Free. UP THE CREEK
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Parret, Paul Thomas, Roger Dec, Rex Boyd, Tonight Spm, Bedford Hill, SW12 (U181-673 1756)

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COMMENT STORE PLINTERS
Lee Simpson, Jim Sweeney, Richard Vranch
Neil Mullarkey, Paul Merton, Sun Spin,
Osendon Street, 5W1 (01426-914433) Osendon Street, 5W1 (8) & Piccarlilly Circus, £10.

DANCE

MONAL PESTIMAL MALL. The Josting Ballet of Chicago: Millionrole Accinimed American company's hot numb set to music by Prince. Tunight & Son Span, mat roday Jom, ends Sep S. £10-£30. South mat today 3pm, ends Sep 8, £10-£70. Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960-42/2) BR/O Waterion.

CLASSICAL

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America, - Gentlerin's Fruen Concerto and
Dymail's New World Symphony, Sun 6pm, ES-ES, (01903-883474)

Hatch End

ROW MITS CENTRE Landon Concertante Handel and Vivaldi bree of his concert for pairs of horas, pellos

Loades Mar tors with Handel's Reput Frentrics Music. Busine, 7pm, £13 & £16, comes £10.90. Hampstend Lane, NW3 (0171-413 1443) · & Goldets Green.

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with the Heritanea Victor Concerto, Sun 2.30pm. E4-C18. Chamber Orchestre of Europe Surremonant's Mozar's Primar Symphony and Schobert's 9th (Great). Sun 7.30pm. E4-E23. Kensing-ton Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) ◆ High St

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Mass. Tought 1,30pm, 88-112-90.
Broad Screet (01544-557800)

OPERA

Ausbridge Wells BROOMBILL.
The lieu of the Serow Broombill Opera stages
Britten's tense deviller, after Henry James,
directed by Caroline Ward. Each tonight,
7.50pm. £12.50-£35. Broombill Road,
Southborough (01892-517720)

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SW11 (0171-223 2223) BR-Clapham

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bardcore team. Zap Club Kings Road
Arches (01275-821588) Sun āpm, 16.

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Or the son Corde to Farm Line, off Church Rd E17 (0181-538 0838) ↔ Waithmestow Central, Sun Ipus-7pm, free. LITERATURE

Ways with Wards Final weekend of the literature feating presented in association with the Independent. Highlights include, today: PD James, Land Owon and Martin Bell, Ratin Rendell and Dr Anthony Clare, David Nobbs, Doris Lessing, Sunday: Joan Brady and Polly Rynthee, Prof Ben Pimlert, Terry White and Ned Sherrin.
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Researcher The Park... Martin BoB talks on his book entitled in Harm's Way.
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EVENTS

Half Linux (01223-892641) Sun 10.30am 4.30am, £2.20, comes £1.10, child free. Cantarbury plays and competitions. Menon Farm Mer-ton Lane (01227-768181) Today & Sun

tion of British designer/majors. Thirlestaine Long Galley Hath Rd (01242-238582) Today & Sun 10am-4pm, £3, cones £2.

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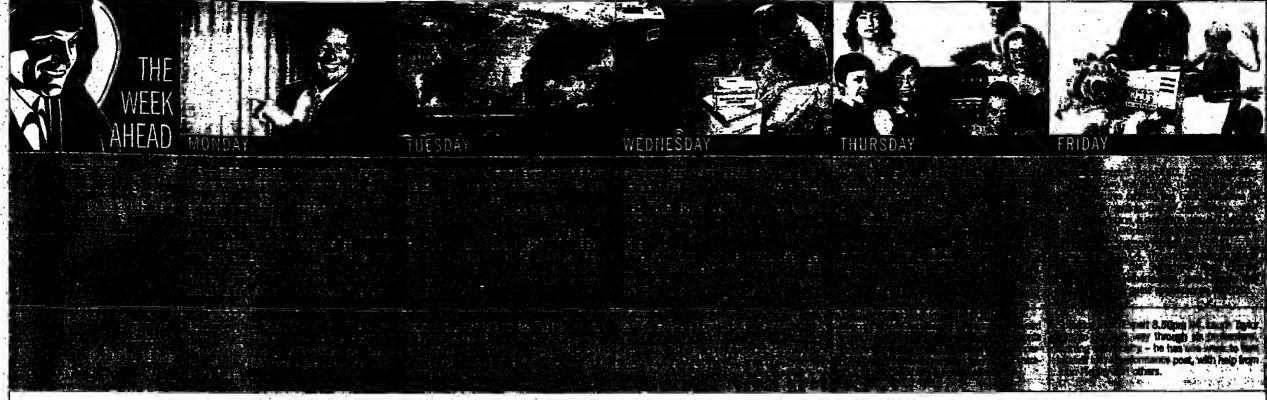
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7.45 Moomin (R) (9382081). 8.10 Playdays (R) (S) (9500642). 8.30 Breakfast with Frost (50401). 9.30 Heart to Heart (S) (8049265). 9.45 First Light (S) (722159). 10.15 See Hear! (R) (S) (747468). 10.45 Alias Smith and Jones (R) (7801739). 12.00 CountryFile (S) (94888). 12.30 News, ThinkTank (44197). *
1.30 EastEnders Omnibus (R) (S) (5284994). *
2.55 Columbo Any Old Port in a Storm, Donald

2.55 Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm. Donald Pleasance guest stars as a murderous vineyard owner (S) (1744401). *

4.25 Sister Wendy's Story of Painting. The nun does Céranne and Matisse (S) (4133772). *
4.55 Junior Masterchef 96. Nigella Lawson and Tony Hart are the odd couple judging the north-west heat (S) (8985130). *
5.25 Listing

5.25 Lifeline. On behalf of the Centre for Alternative Technology (S) (3879739). *. 5.35 News, Weather (925081). * 5.55 Regional News (127913).

6.00 Songs of Praise. To mark Mencap's 50th anniversary, Diane-Louise Jordan joins Lord Rix at Cardiff Castle (S) (641994). *

6.35 The Great Antiques Hunt, Jilly Goolden returns with a new series of this jolly cousin to Antiques Roadshow, and the question on everybody's lips is whether Goolden's wardrobe will live up to last season's in flair and originality. A sneak preview unveils a yolk-coloured two-piece (S) (977081). *

DESERT Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (Kevin Reynolds 1991 US). Energetic restaging of the Merrie England legend, with Kevin Costner suitably swashbuckling in the title role, but upstaged by Alan Rickman's OTT Sheriff of Nottingham. With Morgan Freeman, Christian Slater, and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as Maid Marian (S) (78565028). *

9.35 News, Weather (724/01); *
9.55 The Mrs Merthi Show, Connedience Caroline
Hook finds her BBC2 show repeated on the senior channel. Jo Brand, Lorraine Kelly and boxer Chris

Eubank are the guests submitting themselves for a gentle ribbing (R) (S) (666913).

10.25 International Match of the Day, Highlights of England v Moldova. See The Big Match, above (S) (513555). 11.25 Bas Bustin' Loose (Oz Scott 1981 US).

Enjoyable comedy finds ex-con Richard Pryor driving a coach-load of underprivileged children and their teacher (Cecily Tyson) to a new life across the United States (906807). 1.00 Weather (2863395). To 1.05am. REGIONS. Wales: 11.25pm Cricket. 12.10 Film:

Bustin' Loose, 1,45 News, Weather, Scot.

BBC2 6.15 Open University: Pure Maths (2647604). 6.40 Tops and Gyroscopes (7245343), 7.05 Business: Mundo sem Fronteiras (7581333), 7.30 Patterns in Green (9392468), 7.55 Women in Television (2544604), 8.20 Understanding Modern Societies (9588420), 8.45 Surviving the Exem

9.10 The Littlest Pet Shop (S) (891 5975).
9.30 Fully Booked (S) (398420).
12.00 Sunday Grandstand: 12.05 Athletics: review of the recent IAAF World Junior Championships in Sydney. (2194468): 12.45 Water-Sking. The men's finals in the statom and jump events in Reading (3976371): 2.00 Cricket. Live coverage reading (39/05/1). Lab distant. Live Coverage of Surrey v Warwickshire in the Sunday League. (9947-4), 3.30 Equestrianism. The British Horse Trials Championship from Galcombe Park. (4792523), 4.40 Cricket (97892159), 6.25 News Round-Up (563791).

6.45 Rough Guide to the World. Magenta De Vine and Simon O'Brien visit Israel. In Jerusalem they meet a group of actors from both sides of the divide, before attending a Jewish wedding on a kilobutz (S) (248081).

7.25 Safe with Us. Three-part series documenting the radical changes made in the NHS during the 1980s under Mrs Thatcher's administrations.

See Preview, p26 (132081).*

8.15 Chicket. Highlights from Trent Bridge of the third and final one-day International against Pakistan (S) (961371).

9.15 Steptoe and Son. Harold meets a woman who is mad on ballroom-dancing. He doesn't know his quickstep from his footrot, but discovers that his father was a sharp hoofer in his day (532623). *

9.45 The Wild Bunch (Sam Peckinpah 1969 US). New Yorker critic Pauline Kael has it right up there with Kurosawa's The Seven Samurai, in its there with Kurosawa's The Seven Samurai, in its scale and poetic force. Peckinpeh himself was more proseic: "I was trying to tell a simple story about bed men in changing times. The Wild Bunch is simply what happens when killers go to Mexico". The year is 1913, and outlaws William Holden, Ernest Borgnine and Robert Ryan get caught up in the Mexican revolution — and some forces the latter of violence (2007, 80,071).

famously slow-mo' violence (2067 6807). *
12.05 Intel A Tale of Springtime (Eric Rohmer 1989
Fr). Top-rate, thoroughly typical Rohmer story finds a young woman caught up in the emotional games of her father and his young lover (Followed by Weatherview) (\$) (756598).

2.00 The Learning Zone: Remembering Essentials (52821). 4.00 Languages: Greek Language and People/French Know How (52005). 5.00 The Tourist (84260). * To 6.00am.

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6.00 GMTV: The Sunday Review. 6.30 News, Sport and Weather. 7.00 The Sunday Programme (1 6555).

8,00 Disney Club. Electronic child-minder welcomes Upper Hand actress Keltle Bright, Emmerdale's Lisa Riley and singers Sean Maguire and Peter Andre (S) (41455826).

10.15 Link (S) (4230994). *

10.30 Morning Worship. From Thame in Oxfordshire (S) (35449). *

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11.30 Heavenly Voices (5732826), 11.50 Marry
Questions (4748159), 12.30 The Entertainers
(49826), 1.00 News and Weather (17587710).
* 1.10 The Agenda (5) (4726343), 2.00
Theatreland Summer Specials (9325).
2.30 EME Hanover Street (Peter Hyams 1979 US).
Romance blossoms between American bomber.

pilot in London, Harrison Ford, and married Red Cross nurse, Lesley-Anne Down (10979).
4.30 Upstairs, Downstairs (R) (86826).
5.30 London Toright (937826). *
5.45 News and Weather (290807). *

6.00 The Cosby Mysteries. Feature-length episode introducing this new crime drama about a former New York detective (Bfli Cosby), who, having retired with a large lottery win, decides he can't do without the thrill of sleuthing (44178).

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7.30 Heartheat. The ingratiating Staties copper show returns for a new series, with the newly widowed Nick Berry still licking his wounds (S) (89284). *

8.30 You've Been Framed! (S) (9246). *

9.00 London's Burning. New series (S) (3284). *

10.15 Exercises the Manual Manual Research Community (612352). *

10.15 Mill Serving in Silence: the Marguerite
Carnermeyer Story (Jeff Bleckner 1995 US). A female US army officer with three grown-up

Glenn Close and Judy Davis (S) (948623). 12.00 GISS The Man in the Wilderness (Richard C. Sarafian 1971 US). Richard Harris plays a trapper in the Canadian Northwest of the 1820s, maul by a grizzly bear and left for deed by the expedition with which he had been travelling. John Huston

co-stars (720173). 1.50 Bees Suspect (Roy and John Boulting 1961 UK). Low-budget spy melodrama, scripted by Nigel Balchin, about a group of top-secret research scientists who discover that they have a traitor in their midst. Starring Peter Cushing, Virginia Maskell, Ian Bannen, Raymond Huntley and Spike Milligan (763869).

3.25 Not Fade Away, Andy Crane (R) (S) (4890482). 4.30 Night Shift (R) (S) (37286275). 4.35 Flux (R) (S) (5393604). 5.30 News (29145). To 6.00am.

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6.35 The Greet Maratha (4095820). 7.00 Madeline (S) (7577130). 7.25 The Real Life Adventures of Professor Tho

(7587517). 7.55 Street Sharks (S) (9395555). 7.55 Street Sharks (S) (9395555).
8.25 Two Stupid Dogs (S) (9589159).
8.50 Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (S) (1369468).
9.20 Saved by the Bell (R) (4801933), *
9.45 Sister Sister (S) (748197).
10.15 Happy Days (R) (3903975).
10.40 Mission Impossible (3227517). *
11.40 The Waltons (R) (7698791). *
12.40 Mission Romance on the High Seas (Michael Curtiz 1948 US). The first of two Michael Curtiz movies marked the arbit Impose debut of Doris Day – an

marked the adult movie debut of Doris Day - an easy-going shipboard musical (95385449), *
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2.35 Initial 1'll See You in My Dreams (Michael Curtiz 1951 US). Biopic of lyricist Gus Kahn (Danny Thomas), co-starring Doris Day as the woman who becomes his wife (96818642). *
4.35 All That Gittlers (R) (6205178). *
5.10 Last Safari. Repeat Travels with My Camera film in which Dennis Hills, who was famously sentenced to death by Idi Amin in 1975, returns to Uganda (R) (7580130). *
6.05 Babyton 5 (S) (567333). *
7.00 Break the Science Barrier with Richard Dawkins. To celebate his inasonuation as Oxford

To celebrate his inauguration as Oxford
University's first Professor for the Public
Understanding of Science, Richard Dawkins
launches an outspoken critique of the role that
science plays in Britain today (S) (5642).

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8.00 Celluloid Icons 1/4: Jodie. See Preview, p26 (S) (1081). * 8.30 Cellulaid Icons 2/4: Black Divas, See Preview,

p26 (S) (7888). *
) Talentspotting 1/3: Christmas. First in a new series of one-hour films aiming to nurture new film-making talent in the UK. Christmas, by Jez Butterworth (whose first play, Mojo, was a critical triumph at the Royal Court) and his brother Tom, tells of friendship and betrayal in the underworld of King's Cross. See Preview, p26 (1826). *

LIS). Me's directorial debut – a coming-of-age movie in which he plays a horribly distigured smalltown teacher who agrees to coach a troubled 12-year-old (Nick Stahl) (S) (67514541). *
12.10 Gaelic Games. Highlights of today's All-Ireland Hurting Final between Wedford and Limerick (9169463).

1.10 World Cinema: Ittefaq (Yash Chopra 1969 Ind). A man wrongly accused of murder finds sanctuary with a woman who might herself be a murderer

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Beethoven: Violin Concerto in D.
4.55 Brindlei Quartet, Mozerts String

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5.45 The Sunday Feature: The Authority of Fallare. To mark the centerny of the birth of FScott.

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The author.
6.30 Fight, Viola and Herp.
7.00 Froms News.
7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Mozart:
Symphony No 38 in D (Prague).
68.10-8.30 A Future in the Past.
Authinocural critic Roderick.
O'Devouces examines the tradition O'Donovan examines the tradition of Viennese architecture.) Schubert: Symphony No 9 in C. 9.45 The Sunday Play: Before and

Choice

The new classic serial is Dombey and Son (2.30pm R4, left): Ian Hogg plays the unfeeling patriarch of the title. More natriarchy in The Mic. the Star and the Crescent (7pm R1), a feature about the relationship between rap and Islam.

11.25 Traditional Music.
11.55 Interpretations on Record, Lyndon Jenions considers perforsymphony.

1.10 Through the Night. Beethoven,
Schubert, Dvorak. 5.00-6.00em Sequence

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12.15 FM: Desert Island Discs. With designer Terence Couran.
12.55 FM: Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend. (FM only from 1.200m) only from 1.20pm) 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time. 2.00 LW: Cricket.

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5.55 FM: Weather. 6.00 FM: Sk O'Clock News. 6.00 LW. Cricket. 6.15 FM: Feedback. 6.30 Patriotic Money 6.30 Pathotic Money.
7.00 Children's BBC Radio 4, Mr
Jones and the Pig. by George Tarry.
7.30 Figst Person Stringder.
8.00 FM: Natural History Programme.
8.00 LVM: Open University.
8.30 FM: That's History.

9.30 FM: Companion to the Cosmos. 10.00 News.
10.15 Medicine Now.
10.45 Breitoway.
11.15 in Search of the National Interest. 12.00 News.: 12.20 Bells on Sanday.

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12.30 The Late Story Dying to Tell
You, by Tony Warren.
12.48 Shipping Forecast.
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7.00am Record Breakers (4296555), 7.30 Blue Peter (4275062), 8.00 Animal Magic

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Pastimes

Chess William Hartston

work out, but how did White get rid of the pawn on d7? Whatever took it had to get Whatever took it had to get hack home again. After eliminating all other possibilities, you should hit on the right idea of using the knight on gl. The answer goes 1.Ni3 & 2.Ne5 & 4.Nxd7 Kf7 4.Ne5 + Kf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Ng1 Bxe2 7.f3 Qe8. In the second puzzle, you

I spotted this position in a new book Chess Wizardry: The New ABC of Chess Problems by John Rice (Batsford, £17.99). Composed by M Caillaud and J Rotenberg, it's one of those howon-earth-did-they-get-here puzzles. Or, to be more accurate, it's two of those

In the first, you're told that it's the position after 3.e6+ Kf6 4.exd7 Qe8 Black's 7th move. Black's 5.d8(Q) f4 6.Qd3 Bg4

Bridge Alan Hiron

The art of making seemingly "impossible" contracts is an essential part of your technique if you usually bid as wildly as South on this deal. Afterwards, East claimed that he might have done better in the defeoce, but declarer smugly disillusioned him. East opened 1 ♥ and South

overcalled with 2 + (described as "intermediate" and, certainly, neither weak nor strong). West, under pressure, raised to 3 V and North. hoping to get his teeth into 4♥ contested with 3 .

It was great news for North when East obliged with 4♥ (which would surely have failed by three or four tricks), but bad news when South bid 4 and East doubled.

Perplexity

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ale men. The above sentence hides three related one-word answers. To find them, you must group the six words into pairs, then rearrange the

letters within each pair. A copy of the Larousse Desk Reference Encyclopedia will be awarded to the sender of the first correct entry opened on 12 September. Entries to: Saturday Pastimes, the Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL.

S (last letters of words in seotence asking the question)
H (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH)
X (Letters of "Perplexity" arranged in alphabetical order). Winner: LE Paterson (Edin-

moves are easy enough to 7.Q3e2 Bxe2 8.f3. Bravo!

Love all; dealer East ♥KJ 109 Q10964 **◆**A83 East **◆KJ105 ♥0854** ♥A7632 **♦**KJ873 ٥A **+**964

♦Q 10 7 South **♦**A Q9432 ♥none QQ52 ♦KJ52

In the second puzzle, you

have to reach the diagram

position after White's 8th

move and finding a way to

lose that half-move is quite a

task. Try it before reading the solution. The difficulty, as

you will discover, is that

White must take the pawn on

d7 to let the bishop emerge,

and Black can only take the

e-pawn on e2-or so it seems.

Answer: 1.e4! f5 2.e5 Kf7

West led ♥4 to the nine and ace and declarer ruffed. With only one entry to dummy and the likelihood of a bad trump break, declarer's prospects were not good.

The only possible light in the darkness was that West had not led a top diamond. Could East have a singleton honour? At trick two, therefore, South crossed to #A. finessed & J, cashed & K, and exited with a low diamond. Wonderful, East won with the ace and, with little choice, got off lead with \$ J. Declarer finessed, cashed the ace of trumps, and exited with another. East could take his two winners but then had to lead a heart and South's two losing diamonds went away.

East could have done no better by unblocking with a top spade under the ace, to exit with \$5. As declarer pointed out, \$5 would be allowed to win a trick.



The big picture Tous les Matins du Monde Sat 10.55pm C4

As Amadeus proved, the right combination of period costume, painterly design and exquisite soundtrack can be heady indeed. Those three elements merge in Tous Les Matins du Monde, Alain Comeau's lovingly-photographed period drama. It recounts the difficult relationship between the real-life 17th century viola de gamba master Saint Colombe and his pupil Marin Marais (played, old and young, by Gerard and Guillaume Depardieu).

Television preview RECOMMENDED VIEWING THIS WEEKEND

by Gerard Gilbert



Truth or Dare Sat 9.15pm BBC1 Safe with Us Sun 7.25pm BBC2 Celluloid Icons Sun 8pm C4 Talentspotting Sun 9pm C4

the opening episode of Safe with Us (Sun BBC2) just to make sure Lawson wasn't being impersonated much reduced. Lawson has his own inflation under control, that's for sure. In fact he could single-handedly ioin the ERM tomorrow.

This strange apparition is one of the key witnesses (some might say prime suspects) in BBC social affairs editor Niall Dickson's three-part took at Mrs Thatcher's reforms of the NHS. He's joined by Kenneth Clarke ("He's 15 stone, he smokes and he drinks - and now he's in charge of your health"), who volunteers the information that he dreamt up the idea of GP fund-holding while standing on a promontory in Gallicia. One absent-minded step to the left and the development of the Health Service could have been very different.

No shortage of heat in Truth or Dare (Sat BBC1), which finds Cardiac Arrest's Helen Baxendale in variby an actor. But no, it's old "double-dinners" OK, but ous states of undress. Like many one-off TV dramas, alas, this Screen One offering from BBC Scotland gets increasingly silly as it goes along. At heart, it's a late addition to the 1980s cycle of yuppie in peril movies, with Baxendale playing Lorna, an ambitious young Edinburgh lawyer in her late 20s, with a nice car, a nice flat and some rice underwear. Then one day, she bumps into her wild friends from university days. This trio of fun-loving slackers, led by John Hannah in a Mephistophelian goatie, enter Loma's new life like a computer virus, trashing the car, squatting a client's flat and stealing her files. Where will it all end? Where, indeed.

. More original is Jez and Tom Butterworth's Christmas, the first of three made-for-television dramas by new These instant histories are becoming all the rage, and they do make you naively wish that politicians would speak as candidly in office as out. If Dickson's series initially lacks anything, it's a point of view. Perhaps that

s Nigel Lawson OK? Colleagues advise me that he will emerge over the three programmes, but for the time commissioning editors are looking out for. In fact the is, but I had to wind back the preview cassette of being, there's a shortage of heat here. milieu of Christmas - petty criminality in London's Kings Cross - is very Irvine Welsh. The Butterworth brothers have a good ear for dialogue, though, and it's inveotively filmed by tyro-director Marc Munden.

To compliment Robert Epstein's two-part history of gay and lestrian cinema. The Celluloid Closet, which starts next Thursday, Channel 4 has come up with a new series called Celluloid Icons (Sun C4). Lovers of the English language will have to get used to the expression "iconic moments", which is not some new range of paints, but what is created, for example, when Jodie Foster and Kelly McGillis bold hands at the end of The Accused. The leshions here admit that they are clutching at straws most of the time - there was nothing overtly lesbian about Foster and McGillis's exchange, after all. But it was an Iconic Moment - handily described as "a guerilla tactic to steal lesbian moments from a film".



The big match

Moldova v England Sun 3pm Sky Sports 1 & 10.25pm BBC1

After Terry Venables's success in taking England to the semi-final of Euro 96, his successor as coach, Glenn Hoddle (above), has a tough act to follow in his opening match, a World Cup qualifier in Moldova. Hoddle will no doubt be reminding his players that Moldova beat Wales 3-2 in the last European Championship qualifiers. Before a ball has been kicked, however, he has pleased the pundits by recalling to the squad misunderstood genius. Matt Le Tissier.

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Saturday television and radio

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7.25 News, Weather (25313-14). 7.30 Children's BBC: Oscar's Orchestra. 7.55 Robinson Sucroe. 8.15 The Raccoons. 8.40 Marvel Action Hour. 9.45 The Flintstones Meet Rockula and Frankenstone, 10.35 Clarissa Explains It All. 11.00 Grange Hill, 11.30 Sweet Valley High. 11.50 The 0 Zone, 12.05 Cartoon. 12.12 Weather (1150948).

12.15 Grandstand. 12.20 Football Focus. 1.00 News 1.05 Cricket Focus. 1.30 Touring Cars, Action from the Touring Car Championship at Thruxton. 2.00 Motorcycling. Rounds 13 and 14 of the British Superbike Championship. 2.20 Water-Skling. The British Masters at Reading. 3.45 Football Half-Times. 3.55 Triathlon, World Championship highlights from Cleveland, Ohio. 4.45 Final Score (S) (16963290).

5.20 News, Weather (3096054). *

5.30 Regional News and Weather (236615). 5.35 Dad's Army. Sgt Wilson is to be made manager of the bank's Eastgate branch, much to Captain Mainwaring's obvious chagrin (R) (237783). * 6.05 Jim Davidson's Generation Game. Jim Davidson and glamorous assistant Melanie Stace crank up a new series of the ancient game show. Innovations include a new musical spot to wind up the show -in tonight's case, the cast of the West End musical

Hot Shoe Shuffle (S) (592509), * 7.05 Due South. More comedy action from Paul Gross's Canadian Mountie in Chicago. Two priceless Aboriginal masks are stolen (S) (228832). * 7.50 The National Lottery Live (S) (843509).

8.05 Casualty. T'was the night before Ash and Laura's wedding, which of course does nothing to stern the bide of sick and wounded from winding up at Holby General. The last of the repeats, a new series starts in September (R) (S) (821764). *

8.55 News and 5port, Weather (Followed by National Lottery Update) (692122). *

9.15 Screen One: Truth or Dare. See Preview, above (S) (42887493), *

10.55 Ham Boiling Point (James 8 Harris 1993 U.5). A notch or two more interesting than the usual copmovie fodder, this well-structured thriller adds character complexity and a strong cast to the staple plot of U.5 Treasury agent Wesley Snipes seeking revenge for the murder of his partner. The object of his vengeance is a scam-artist, played with his usual gusto by Dennis Hopper (S) (3405493). *

12.20 Memories of Murder (Robert Lewis 1990 thriller about an amnesiac woman who can no longer recognise her own family but does have dim distant memories of a murder (7641 78). * L.55 Weather (7306975). To 2.00am.

REGION5. Wales: 2.40pm Football: Wales v San Marino. Scot: 10.55 World Cup Sportscene. 12.10 Film: Memories of Murder. 1.45 Weather. NI: 10.55pm World Cup Soccer. 11.35 Film: Boiling Point, 1,10 Weather.

BBC2

6.00 Open University: Somewhere a Wall Came Down (3288238). 6.25 Maths (3290073). 6.50 Flight Simulators and Robots (2168431). 7.15 Chardin and the 5till Life (3559431). 7.40 Frontiers of Geology (1349344). 8.05 King Cotton's Palace (52986/5). 8.30 Brecht on Stage (7410696). 8.55 Jazz, Ragga and Synthesisers (7422431). 9.20 Anti-racism (7033870). 9.45 Me – a 51.20 All. All. 25 Czech Education – after the

Revolution (8076306), 11.50 Four Towns and a 12.15 Pride of Dress. The traditional costumes of the Friesland in the Netherlands (R) (3776219). 12.25 People's Century. Another chance to see the first 10 episodes of the 8BC's ambitious oral history series about the 20th century, as a prelude to the

next batch, which begin showing next month. 12.25 1900 – Age of Hope (R) (S) (7654509), * 1.20 1914 – Killing Fields (R) (S) (9068306). * 2.15 1917 - Red Flag. Communism (R) (S)

3.10 1919 – Lost Peace. The League of Nations and German hyper-inflation (R) (S) (4603851). * 4.00 1930 – Sporting Fever. The explosion of sport as a

mass pursuit (R) (S) (5700832). * 4.55 1924 - On the Line. Henry Ford, mass production and all that (R) (S) (9583035). *

5.50 1927 - The Great Escape. The growth of cinema (R) (S) (435615). * 6.45 Rugby Special. John Inverdale opens a new season

of rugby action with highlights from Saracens v Leicester, and Orrell v Bath (S) (704528). 7.45 News and Sport, Weather (844238). * 8.00 Cricket. Highlights of the second of three 50-overs-

per-side one-day internationals between England and Pakistan (S) (7431). 9.00 People's Century. And so back to BBC2's main event of the day, the repeating of the first 10 films

In its oral history of the 20th century.

9.00 1929 – Breadline, The Great Depression (R) (S) (929851). 9.55 1933 - Master Race. You know who (R) (S)

(145752), *10.50 1939 - Total War. The story of the Second World War told from the perspective of the civilian

experience (R) (S) (130851). * 11.45 Do the Right Thing (Spike Lee 1989 U.5). uncompromisingly bleak view of race relations, showing how the thin veneer of racial harmony in a mixed arooklyn neighbourhood breaks down over the course of one sweltering summer's day. The focal point is a pizza restaurant whose owner, Danny Alello, refuses to change the pictures of

Italian sporting heroes for those of black ones. With 5pike Lee and NYPD Blue's John Turtum (Then Weatherview) (986615). To 1.45am.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV: News and Weather. 6.10 Cabbage Patch Dolls. 6.35 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.10 Barney and Friends. 7.40 Disney's Wake Up in the Wild Room

9.25 Wow! New series - same old sort of fast-moving. pop-dominated babble to keep kids and teenagers glued to the box. The week's musical guests are Louise and boy band Menswear (S) (66338141). 11.00 The Noise. More of the same really. And: Peters

presents and Boyzone are the first guests (3986). 11.30 The Chart Show (S) (99528). 12.30 Move on Up. New series looking at issues affecting teenagers (37035).

1.00 News and Weather (24416257). * 1.05 London Today (24415528). * 1.10 Movies, Games and Videos (6915967). 1.45 Cartoon Time (45441493).

1.55 Airwolf (R) (7685073). 2.50 Thunder in Paradise (S) (1752870).

3.45 International Athletics. From Berlin, the final Golden Four meeting (540257). * 4.45 News, Sports Results, Weather (4842290). 5.05 London Tenight, Sports Results (2455696). * 5.20 Beadle's About. Forget John Sirt's speech about the licence fee, the happiest news from this year's Edinburgh TV Festival was the confirmation that Beadle's About is for the chop (S) (4892509).

5.50 SeaQuest 2032. They all five in a futuristic submarine (S) (704257). * 6.40 Body Heat. Physical jerks (S) (631829). * 7.25 The Big, Big Talent Show, Opportunity knocks for a singer, a ventriloquist, a female illusionist trio and a comedian (Including Lottery Result) (257344).
 8.15 Family Fortunes. Les Dennis is the host (S)

8.45 News, Weather, Lottery Result (607054). * 9.00 An Audience with Freddle Starr. Celebrity chums

including Dale Winton and Robson Green – pay homage to the Scouse one (R) (S) (1493). *

10.00 Alient Alien 3 (David Fincher 1992 U.5). Further shocks as the king prawn-tookalike drops out of yet more air-conditioning ducts, in the second sequel to the influential sci-fy horror hybrid. Rather a dour affair, really, with Sigoumey Weaver landing in a troglodytic penal colony-cum-religious sect populated by the likes of Charles Dance, Paul McGann, Brian Giover and you know who (S) (39822325). *

12.05 Funny Business. Scenes from the Edinburgh Fringe (S) (1349772).

1990 U.5). Burt Reynolds investigates murder in

the world of pro football (S) (824159). 2.15 The Chart Show (R) (S) (9661913). 3.05 El News Review (1609410). 3.55 Cool Vibes (68218442). 4.00 God's Gift (R) (6189265). 4.55 Night Shift (87617611). 5.05 Coach (R) (S) (9155913). 5.30 News (33062). To 6.00am.

Channel 4

6.00 Sesame Street (R) (2829257). 6.55 The Magic School Bus (RJ (S) (9127257). 7.30 The Ferals (52054).

8.00 Gaelic Games. The best of the season's football and hurling action (46677). 9.00 The Morning Line. The nags to watch (S) (48948).

10.00 Biltz! Gary Imlach previews another season of American football (58238).
11.00 Trans World Sport (61702).

12.00 Rawhide (47412). 1.00 EUS# Madame Bovary (Vincente Minnelli 1949 U5). Highly fanciful version of Flaubert's tale, with an over-dressed Jennifer Jones in the title role (the an over-cressed Jerrimer Jones in the late rule fore original movieran with the legend: "Whatever it is that French women have, Madame Bovary has more of it!"). Christopher Kent, Louis Jourdan, James Mason and Van Heffin are the leading men (32615986).

3.05 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown and Curragh. Derek Thompson introduces the 3.10 The Lyceum Atlanta Stakes (Sandown), the 3.40 Bison Stakes (Sandown), the 4.00 Tattersalts Breeders Stakes (Curragh), the 4.15 William Hill Stakes (Sandown), and the 4.45 Sunley Stakes (Curragh). (S) (10175986).

5.05 Brookside Omnibus (R) (S) (2379702). * 6.30 The Middle Ages. Ray Gosling continues to poke around the mid-life condition, looking at how the middle-aged fall in love. One couple met in the supermarket, while two mothers, who met through their children, decided to leave their familles and start a new life together (S) (580)..* 7.00 News Summary and Weather (156325).
7.15 Test Roseanne and Tom (Richard A Colla 1994

US). As in Roseanne Barr, as was, and Tom Arnold - the showbiz couple whose courtship, marriage and subsequent relationship meltdown kept the American tabloids in stories for the best part of a decade. Patrika Darbo is convincing as Roseanne in whose favour the film is obviously biased. Mind you, a movie biased in favour of Tom Arnold (played by Stephen Lee) would be severely stretching credibility (S) (64178832). *
9.00 ER. Hospital grief. The first major snowstorm of the

season hits Chicago (R) (S) (921219). *
9.55 Father Ted. Cult laughs: To raise money to fix a leaky roof, Father Ted (Dermot Morgan) borrows a car to raffle as a prize. But how are they going to return it after it has been won? (R) (S) (747832). 10.25 Roseanme. The Conners are chosen to have their

10.55 IIIM Tous Les Mattins du Monde (Alain Comeau 1992 Fr). See The Big Picture, above (S) (60901412). 1.00 Legend of Arislan. Manga (S) (5688361).

2.10 The New Twilight Zone. Followed by Beastly Behaviour: Beetle (3666371).

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5.45 Conlon Nancarrow. 6.30 Susan Chilcott.

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Choice

Two portraits of American musicians this evening with They Call Me Mr Pittful (5pm R2) looking at the all-too short life of Otis Redding, followed by a rerun of an excellent feature about the considerably longer-lived maestro piano player, Conion Mancarrow (5.45pm R3).

scape gardener who died last month at the age of 95.) Mark-Anthony Tumage: Your Rocka-by, Faure: Requiem, 9.55 Books Abroad, Author Tibor Fischer reports on the world's best-selling author, the bridge best-selling author, the bridge novels of China, and is granted a rare audience with V S Naipaul. (6/6).

10.25 Bons Berezovsky.
10.55 Michel Petrucciani.
1.00 Through the Night. With David Cornel. 1.01 Euro-Jazz. 2.30 Popular Classics. 4.00 Gottlieb Wallfisch. 5.00 Sequence. 5.55-6.00am Open University.

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6.50 Prayer for the Day.
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9.00 News. 9.05 Sport on 4. 9.30 Breakaway. 10.00 News; Loose Ends. 11.00 FM: News; The Agenda. 11.00 LW: Cricket. The second Texaco Trophy one-day interna-tional at Edgbaston, between England and Pakistan. Com-

mentary by Jonathan Agnew, Henry Bioleid and Christopher Martin-Jenkins 11.30 FM: From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 FM: Money Box.

12,25 FM: News Quiz. 12,55 FM: Weather, 1.00 News. 1.10 LW: Crickel. 1.10 FM: In the Dock. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 LW: Crickel. 2.00 FM: News; Cargoes. Style. Cane lumiture, bone china. tea, Dutch brick. Campbell Mc-Murray examines that most

strange and subliminal of freight: style.

2.30 FM: Saturday Playhouse: The Insider. In Grant Suther-land's intense drama, Grahami Carlton is a senior banker at Carton Brothers, a City of London bank controlled by his family. But his well-ordered like is blown apart when his friend and colleague is found mysteriously murdered. With Till mediance Alleague his found mysteriously murdered. With Till mediance Alleague and American and and Amer

McInnemey, Alice Amold and Robert Lang. 4.00 FM: News; That's History.

6.50 Offspring.
7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature, Paul Allen sees the closing events at the 50th Edinburgh Festival and discusses the contribution the lestival has made to the culture of Great Britain with various directors and critics.
7.50 On These Days. A look back al some of the events that took place 50 years ago this week, including the announcement of an indian interim Government and the first radio broadcast

from Ben the talking dog.

8.50 Saturday Night Theatre: His
Last Bow. The Dying Detective.
Struck down by a rare tropical
disease. Sherlock Holmes lies disease. Sherrook Hotmes lies lever-indden and hallucinating on his bed. Only one man in London can help him, With Clive Merrison, Michael Williams, Edward Petherbridge and Alex Jennings. (5/8). 9.35 Classics with Kay. Brian Kay

Ealing, (3/5). 11.45 Who Goes Home.

Gerry Northam explores the curious world of re-enactment societies: is it credible research or just pantomme? Plus a look at the history of pain-free

surgery. 4.30 Science Now. 5.00 Relative Values. 5.40 FM: Tidal Talk from the Rock Pool.
5.50 5hipping Forecast.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 LW: Cricket.
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6.25 The Mark Steel Solution.
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presents four contrasting musi-cal portraits of South America.

9.50 Ten to Ten.
9.59 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Onwards and Upwards and Just Carrying On, by David Cregan. Joanna is a painter, Harry is a television reporter. They love each other but cannot live tegether. So they just keep on moving. With Cheryl Campbell and Bill Nighy.
11.15 The British Film Studios. Ealing. (3/6).

12.00 News.
12.30 Late Story: Forensic Evidence, by Martyn Bedford.
12.48 Shipping Forecast.
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(1994). (18948). 8.00 Robin Cook's
formula for Death (1995). (13493).
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(458791). 3.00-6.00am Where the
Rivers Flow North (1993) (5642517). **SKY MOMES**

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8.00 Speed (1994), (97/3899), 11.35
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(1683431), 7.20 Bread (9342832). (163431), 7.20 Bread (9342832). 8.00 Peny Mason: The Case of the Averging Ace (1938) (95540238). 9.50 Autumn on Gold (7837238). 10.00 Bottom (2845219), 10.40 The 0.40 Edition (5403696), 11.20 Marni Vice (8963219), 12.20am Plan of At-tack (1992) (1154642), 1.55-7.00am Shopping at Night (1992) (82583389).

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the commentators

Graves, the new destination DAVID

Should we go sightseeing at the Titanic? Godfrey Hodgson asks when we may break an ancient taboo

bad hick, and so is disturbing the dead. That is why build on the prehistoric tombs they call fairy castles. That is why peoples all over the world, from Australian aborigines to native Americans, resent the way Western explorers have way western experies have carried off grave goods and even municified bodies; skulls and skeletons. That is why Howard Carter, Lord Carnarvon and the other explorers suffered the curse of King Tut.

Ancient, near-universal human taboos are involved. So it is natural to feel a certain glee on hearing that the hoist cable that snapped yesterday may frus-trate George Tulloch's attempt to make money out of taking paying trippers to watch a small piece of the Titanic lifted from the seabed two miles deep off

The wonder ship, the biggest ever built at the time, was sup-posed to be unsinkable. But it hit an iceberg on its maiden

How old do human remains have to be before we stop thinking of them as human?

voyage from Southampton to New York in 1912 with 2,200 passengers and crew - "sonls", as they used to be called - on board. Just because the ship was supposed to be unsinkable, there were only lifeboats. for half of the passengers, 1,500 people drowned, "It was", as

people drowned. It was as the hallad says, "sad when the great ship went down."

Tulloch, who made his money selling BMWs to wealthy suburbanites in Connecticut, was all the tact and discretion of a fairground barker. He is proposing to sell off chunks of coal from the wreck the size of golffields, preserved in lucite, for \$25 a chunk.

chamel is reported to be paying Tulloch's company \$3m for background in deep-sea diving film and TV rights. He's got and that grand old centrefold Bass to chip in because he Burt Reynolds have signed on. hopes to salvage 12,000 bottles of Bass Ale. Occasionally his company has hinted that he might be able to salvage more valuable assets: diamonds, a jewelled copy of the Omar Khayyam and a vintage Renault

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He is selling trips to visit the wreck for anything from \$1,800 to \$7,000 a time. Part of the come on is that the punters would get to meet "the who's whos" of the world, though so



Grave robbing? Survivors of the Titeric may feet the dead should be left in peace Le Petit Journal/Mary Evans Picture Library

far only an astronaut with a Not to worry, says George Tulloch, passengers "will get a chance to meet me". hre-

pressible is his middle name. Unsurprisingly, Tulloch has drawn down on himself a storm of disapproval. "How do I feel about the expedition?" said. Robert Ballard, the American oceanographer who actually. found the wreck in 1985. "In a word, sad". Not everyone involved has been so monosyl-

Tulloch cares more about making money than preserving history, says Karen Kamuda, vice president of the Titanic Historical Society in Massa chusetts. "Most who had relatives on board", said a spokesperson for the Society, "think this operation is gruesome and awful". That certainly seems to be true. "My father's body may still be oo that vessel," said Milvina Dean, who was nine weeks old when the Titanic sank 84 years ago. "I think it's plundering," said another survivor, Eleanor Shu-

It is fair to point out that while there are more than 1,500 bodies around the Titanic, the likelihood is that there will be few, if any, bodies left in it. Underwater cameras revealed engine room: a pair of empty stoker's boots. The remains of the stoker, it seems likely, have long been sucked into the silt. Eighty-four years is a long time, but not so long that there are no survivors. The question arises, how old do human remains have to be before we

stop thinking of them as

that we have mixed feelings. When we see human beings who were caught in the molten lava of Vesuvius at Pompeii or Herculaneum, one part of us is able to look at them comparamacabre evidence from the tively unmoved, while another makes us identify with their death with a shudder.

A British traveller in late eighteenth century Turkey recorded in a letter his emotions on secing the remains of the first impaled criminal he had seen. It was less shocking than he co-exist. In the world of expected, he wrote, because it - George Tulloch, all is fair in expected, he wrote, because it or he? - was so old. Archaeolohuman? The answer is, I think, gists cheerily call the body of a dead.

Cheshire peat bog "Pete Marsh": but when we read about the find, don't most of us feel at least a tiny frisson of shared humanity?

Grave robbing is as old as history. But in the past people robbed graves to take the trea-sures that were buried there. What is new, the innovation for which we have to thank George Tulloch, is the idea that there is money to be made out of showing people mass graves. It could become an industry. It is all too easy to imagine entrepreneurs organising trips to visit mass graves along the Japanese death railway in Malaya or right up to date in Srebrenica. Why not? It's a buck ... Compared to sex tourism, after all, it is positively

respectable. The Titanic affair does sugest one theoretical reflection. It is about contemporary political dogma, and in particular about the way the meaning of the word "conservatism" has changed. There is no comradiction, we are constantly told, between economic and cultural

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conservatism, between free market capitalism and that older, traditional conservatism that stresses the values of religion, morality and the family.

Yet taking trippers to inspect a mass grave is only one of a long string of activities, sanctioned by the supposedly liberating doctrines of the free market, that run clean counter to the teachings and instincts of traditional values. A small but telling example: conservative politicians exalt family values, while the fast-food industry is busy destroying the family

the gurwhales with capitalists, who could afford \$4,350 a suite, in the money of 1912. Yet if the band didn't play "Nearer, my God, to thee", it did play an Episcopalian hymn called "Autumn" until the water was over the musicians' boots. The gentlemen did let the ladies and the children get into the boats first. And as the sailors pulled away from the sinking ship,

they recited the Lord's Prayer. In those days, capitalism, religion and traditioo could war and business and God is

AARONOVITCH Less than

private parts

have always wanted to see a vasectomy being per-formed, lo these days of consumer information it is not enough to have the ductor reassure you that "there will be a tiny incision, a snipping of the spermatic cords, and two tiny hows tied to make things ocal and lidy". How tiny is tiny What size sessors do they use? How large is the danger to one's immer part from a slip of the hand, or a oudge of the

elbow? There is a kit at stake.

Given that I am unlikely to be invited into a real operating theatre, I welcome the controversial new video of operations. And I certainly do not agree with the idea that having pictures of your nether regions beamed to homes throughout the land is some kind of an invasion of privacy. In the unlikely event that the horri-fied owner of the incised seroturn is able to recognise his left testicle on screen, or the even more remote circumstance of his neighbours or workmates identifying him from this small sighting ("See that hollock, Mabel" I think it's our Ken's"), then all I can say is, so what? This is 1996! Or, as one of the producers rightly said, "People prefer reality on TV because it's the next best thing to reality. And what is wrong with reality?" The owner of the tes-

So get a life! Now, of course, there is merry hell being raised because of a video entitled Hookers, which uses close-circuit pictures of prostitutes and their clients in action, so to speak. But are we not entitled to know the truth about how these pcople operate? How can we be expected to join in the impor-tant debate about the control of prostitution, if we cannot be and their men-friends actually do? And, ooce again, the chances of someone being compromised because his lowered underclothing has a large personal monogram are very slight. But we find ourselves in the

ticle almost certainly likes

peering into the lives of others.

middle of yet another row, just as we did over Disasters (depicting scenes from crashes, quakes and hurricanes), Caught In The Act (close-circuit film of couples having it off in lifts and stock-rooms), and Executions (a film showing the true nature of state violence as practised by Saudi swordsmen, Lebanese firing squads and

others). All of these are educational documentaries, aimed at revealing important truths about society today. Some would rather avert their eves and pretend it isn't happening.

But not me! Indeed I would recommend to producer David Donoghue who is associated with many of these projects - that there are several other areas of national life that could profit from the same kind of treat-ment. Should any of these saggestions lead anywhere then a small cheque would be ade-

quate recompense.

Given the terrible consequences to both marriages and

How can we join in the debate about prostitution if we can't see what hookers do?

children of adultery, Adulterers or On the Side could use film shot by private investigators as they attempt to collect evi-dence of marital infidelity. For a truly educational effect, the tape could include the reactions of the adulterer's spouse when confronted with the evidence of their partner's wrongdoing.

Exhibitionists could shine the spotlight on those who expose themselves in public. Chang-ing-rooms are often made nogo areas for the shy by those insensitive people who disrobe completely in front of others, or who soap themselves overscrupulously in the showers. A small wide-angle camera, strategically placed, would easily capture most of the action. So-called "nudist beaches" would also be fair game.

Fioally (and best of all) there would be Voyeurs. A hidden lens would be used to explore the secret reactions to tapes like Executions and Hookers of those who purchase them. Their various comments, fumblings and guffaws - all performed in ignorance of the camera's presence - would form the educational backdrop to an important debate on how far we should allow vicarious cavesdropping to become a major form of national entertniament. So how about it David? Can I have my money now?

Political soap opera in Chicago

Despite unexpected plot developments, Clinton retains a winning script, says Rupert Cornwell

HICAGO - Oh, for the best-laid plans of mice, men and the campaign commanders of great political parties. Uotil the early hours of Thursday morning, the Democratic convention here had been purring along with the faultless precision of a Royal wedding ceremony. Then, just as with the protagonists of such events in Britain—and not for the first time in the roller-coaster political career of Bill Clinton - the tabloids struck. The Star supermarket magazine, the publication which first brought the world the tale of Gennifer Flowers, unearthed the tale of Dick Morris and the prostitute Sherry Rowland, and the New York Post quickly followed. Within hours, a media hurricane was howling through

Mr Morris, the President's crack political Mr. Morris, the President's crack pointed strategist, inventor of "triangulation" (of which more in a moment) and architect of the modmore in a moment) and attended to the moment of the moment to conversations with his boss.

For all their peochant for soap opera, the producers of this week's fairness, faith and family morality play in the United Center had not written the Morris débâcle into the script, a chunk of red-meat scandal tossed out to 15,000 assembled journalists suffering from acute oews deprivation. And least of all at the convention's scripted climax - the day of Mr Clinton's acceptance speech in which he would set out his plans and dreams for a second term. Now, whatever the President says, the heady scent of anticipated victory will be mixed with a whiff of hypocrisy and betrayal.

It was Dick Morris who pushed family values to the heart of the message that the Democrats, just like the Republicans a fortnight earlier in San Diego, had been pumping forth during the hour of prime time grudgingly allotted by the octworks each night. And how examinely the Clintons have performed. By coincidence, naturally, a reporter was ushered into an interview with Ms Clinton just as she was

wrapping up a phone conversation with her husbands and I love you too, honey." Their daughter Chelses, sweet sixteen per-



first in the convention box, then grinning her way from one celebrity reception to the next, then rushing to her father's arms as he stepped ont of the helicopter that ferried him here after his hugely successful train trip through the Midwest. Not least, she was a theme of mother's touching speech on families - Bill present at Chelsea's birth, Chelsea having her tonsils out, Hillary watching her daughter doing her homework on a quiet White House

The portrait has been drawn with skill, sub-tly underlining the generational difference with the President's Republican opponent Bob Dole, divorced and remarried, whose own daughter Robin is now 41. Now, if the Star and the New York Post are to be believed, the fam-

sonified, has been on stage front and centres. By values strategy and, indeed, the first drafts first in the convention box, then grinning her of Ms Clinton's speech were discussed by their instigator with a \$200-an-hour hooker, who delivered her services to Mr Morris during midweek stays in Washington at the Jefferson Hotel, five blocks north of the White House. So much for trusted advisers, the Clinton cam-

paign must be saying. And, its foes will add, so much for family values in the Clinton circle.

So what now? The smart money predicts this will be just an "Inside the Beltway" flap, its central figure a man very close to the President but one whose none let along fees. one whose name, let alone face, is unknown to all our Washington political junkies. A couple of days and the affair will be over. After all, this school argues, Bill Clinton has survived worse allegations directly against himself, sleaze at the Clinton court has long since been factored into

Americans' opinion of his presidency, and the Morris scandal will change no votes.

All of this may be true. Equally true, though, the infamous "character question" is back on the table. Judge a man by the friends he keeps: and Dick Morris is suspect not so much for reason of his cavortings at a Washington hotel, but for his readiness to work for Republicans and Democrats alike and his cynical opportunism-precisely the charge against Mr Clinton's style of governing. "Live by Morris, Die by Morris", jokes Mike Murphy, one of Mr Dole's advisers. Ultimately, the key will be how the Repub-

licans play the issue. This may become clearer as more details emerge about how the Star obtained its story, and why Ms Rowland chose to talk. Already, this week's scandal has some fearing 1996 will see the dirtiest campaign of modern times. Having stolen issues such as crime, welfare and family values from his opponents (largely on the advice of Mr Morris), the President has left Republicans little but character" with which to assail him. Bob Dole insists he will stick to the high road. His lieutenants, however, will be pushing the media for all they are worth.

Publicly, Republicans cast their answer in terms of a changed White House strategy, arguing Mr Morris's departure will quickly have Mr Clinton showing his true liberal colours. That, though, is surely nonsense; for one thing, the original choice to head for the centre was made by Mr Clinton: Mr Morris merely perfected the tactics, notably of "triangulation", the art of tacking between Republican and Democrat positions, embracing neither completely. The rest of Mr Morris's team, moreover, is staying in place.

Most important, nobody, not even Harold Ickes, Mr Clinton's deputy chief of staff and libickes, Mr Clinton's ocputy cases of accedes, is going eral rival of Mr Morris for two decades, is going to throw away a winning hand. Old-fashione Democrats may miss their jettisoned ideology. But they like victory even more. Mr Clinton's political life has been a procession of triumphs, disasters and miraculous recoveries. Yes, Mr Morris was instrumental in bringing about the most recent - the remaking of a President after the catastrophic mid-term elections of November 1994, but even without his chief courtier, Mr Clinton still looks a winner this November. The show will soon be back on script.

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When real life is a stony beach

Andrew Hasson took his family from home in Brighton to holiday in Cornwall

he colours here are unreal; it looks like a foreign country," said my nine-year-old son Harry. "It's not like England at all." It was bard to disagree. Sitting on the beach at Holywell Bay in Cornwall, just after the sun had come out from behind clouds, the sky was electric blue and a warm breeze blew across the sand. This wasn't what our two boys were used to at all; at least where English beaches were concerned.

The Atlantic tide was out when we arrived at the beach mid-morning. Walking over the dunes we reached a stretch nearly a mile long. The sky was overcast and, despite the fact that the air was warm and still, people had put up wind-breaks as if they were going out of fashion; it was easy to spot the old hands who come here day after day, year after year. Out in the bay, two large rocks (Gull's Rocks) dominated our view out to sea as we settled down helow

Call us mad, accuse us of being obsessed by beaches: we had come from one British seaside resort to another. But there seemed little comparison between the two. We live in Brighton and, in the summer holidays, spend a great deal of time by the water. We sit on those painfully uncomfortable pebbles and, if we've planned it right and the tide is out, the boys (Harry 9, Tom 7) dig in the sand. There isn't much of it, but children seem to be energised simply being near the sea. So am I, watching the sun go down while the children splash about in the waves.

This was no husman's holiday, though. Compared with Brighton's amusements - the pier, fish and chips and ice-cream - there was nothing much at Holywell Bay. A modest looking caravan sold a little food and drink: no fancy fare, just sandwiches, crisps, juice and such like. That was all the entertainment on offer. But Tom and Harry weren't interested. They were in seventh heaven and, stripped off to their shorts, they shot off across the vast expanse of sand to explore the empty bay. There was more sand here than any of us had

We watched from a distance as the boys explored rocks and caves rock pools and sand dunes. "There's a mini-river over there, and mussels on the rocks." Tom told us. They could hardly get their packed lunches stuffed down them fast enough and were mentally straining at the leash to get off and see if they'd

missed anything.

After lunch, a steady stream of families started descending on to the sands and, by mid-afternoon, the bay had become gently husy. But this is a huge heach and we were never crowded out. We could always see the children playing and it felt very safe. Relax-

ing here was a lot easier than at Brighton.

Throughout the day, the boys kept running back, breathlessly reporting the latest discovery, bardly able to digest it themselves: "The sand's perfect - you can dig really deep with-out coming to stones. It's just sand all the way!" said Tom. "There's no pebbles and you can run barefoot. The dunes are brilliant for iumping. There's a bumungous one as big as a room there" came another cry.

The afternoon warmed up so much, the boys needed cooling off. The sea bere is beau-tiful but undeniably dangerous at certain times. We followed Harry and Tom down to the water's edge and watched as they splashed about in the surf, following strict orders not to go in below the waist. "The waves are really hig and the water's so clear" they told us in amazement.

The presence of two lifeguards, sitting on a bright yellow jeep, was comforting and we made sure we kept within boundaries of their red and yellow flags. I think they warned everyone not to go in deeper than waist height, although the tannoy was so muffled that they could have been announcing the arrival of the 12.36 for all anyone on the beach knew. Our children remarked that they "beard something, but couldn't understand what was being said".

As Harry remarked, it was a little like being in a foreign country. The sun, when it arrived. warmed the skin instantly and we felt we were a long, long way from Brighton.



sid want from the seaside: Holywell Bay in north Cornwall has dupes, a safe beach — and no razzmatazz



A small, pungent and curiously exotic continent

In 1974, Jonathan Glancey worked his way across the floor of a Bristol factory. It was like a trip round the world

at last, away from the langours of ivory subsequent travels.

Of all the workshops in all the world, I felt most at home at Bristol-Myer, South Ruistro. This was a scion of a US cosmetics corporation that had taken root off London's arterial Western Avenue in a low-lying Art Deco inspired factory. Bristol-Myer made Mum Rolette, Clairol hair-conditioner, Ingram shaving cream and a canned drink called Nutrament, a zillion caloried pick-meup for atbletes that tasted, deliciously, of fruit-flavoured and only slightly diluted con-

A suburban factory making nothing I would want in adult life might seem an odd favourite. But, what I learnt in that pungent factory was a simple truth. You can travel to the most exotic places on earth, seek out the greatest adventures, but feel as much an out-

grisly old foreman, were a family of sorts writ clse sprawled across the manicured factory lawn during dinner break.

The student's privilege was to work across departments, now making wooden cases in which to pack delicate goods, now whizzing around the warehouse on a red electric forklift truck, cleaning production-line machinery, loading and unloading lorries, sweeping yards and chatting to everyone.

Crossing departments was, nevertheless, a bit like travelling from country to country, each with its own government, customs and laws. Chubby, easy-come, easy-go Brian, with the Elvis quiff ran Goods-In with Peter, an ex-serviceman who span tea-break tales of the wbores and bordelloes of the world. Richard, with the Hendrix-inspired "Afro" hair ruled Export. Richard was slight sider as the narrator in Camus' L'Etranger. and highly-strung and dreamt of doing

Atudent summers were wonderful. Here, The crowd at Bristol-Myer, save for one something "better". He worked like a Trojan, but in between rowed furiously with down, get your hands dirty, earn your keep, pay off bills and save for a holiday. And often the job was as much of an adventure as the together in the bright mezzanine canteen or late-sixties, could lift bundredweight barrels of hair-oil as if they were individual cans of Nutrament, drove an ancient two-tone Hillman Minx and called everyone who crossed him a "putana". Mick, the handsome mid-dle-aged Irishman laughed the day away alongside them, winking and "Jesusing" wryly, as Karol and Richard "effed" and "putanaed" to the accompaniment of saws,

drills, hammers and nails. A second Mick, dominated the warehouse. A gossip without equal, he pirouetted across the line floors in his nifty fork-lift truck, exchanging news and cutting asides, cackling with laughter and employing the Saxon word for "I thrust" as only lucid Celts

Mick, who I liked because he despised General Franco who still had a year before Europe Hell claimed him, enjoyed verbal fisticuffs

with Reg, deputy-foreman from Production and last of the old-time, shirt-and-tie gentleman workers. Reg introduced me to "The Ragged Trousered Philaothropists", "Cassandra" and any number of ranting, texts. He was critical of the Soviet Union and had much to say about my holiday designed to take me to Japan via the Trans-Siberian Railway. The land of Goods-Out was overseen by

two of the most perfect industrial knights I have ever met. Bert (who drove an immaculate Morris 1100 as if it were a classic Bentley) and John (who wobbled along on a Honda 50) sported spotless white coats and, if they were ever ruffled on a long, bot summer afternoon, never showed it. John talked obsessively of black silk stockings and suspenders as he took stock of hair-spray and shaving cream, leaning back in his battered hlack-plastic swivel chair, whilst Bert, quiet and dignified, kept underarm deodorants rolling effortlessly across the armpits of

Bristol-Myer women were confined to the

purdah of Production, or else ran the canteen. There was the gorgeous Ingrid who wore short skirts and black stockings, drove John of Despatch delirious, but wanted me to date her. There was the wonderful lady Queen Mum's look a bit gor-hlimey, who ran the canteen and told everyone how lovely they looked. There was Linda with the staggeringly dirty jokes and even dirtier laugh and a gaggle of the youngest white girls who spent tea and dinner breaks relating the night before's disco-action. "And she goes, and I go, and, tee hee, this bloke this and my mum says ... " I could never get enough of it.

By the end of eight weeks, I felt fit (lifting, shoving, tugging and pulling on a Pop-eye-strong diet of Nutrament) and comfortably off (my £18.50 a week basic was doubled most weeks with overtime and Saturday mornings). Most of all I felt I belonged. Since 1974, I have travelled extensively and

have had many adventures, but Bristol-Myer remains in my mind as a small, pungent and curiously exotic continent all of its



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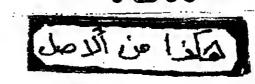
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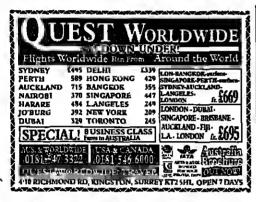
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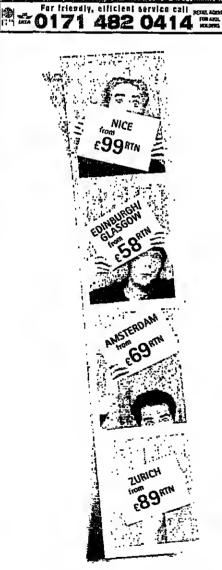
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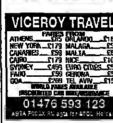
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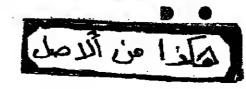
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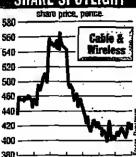
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boardroom bust-ups leading to the departure of the chairman and chief executive, the collapse of merger talks with BT and continuing uncertainty over its prime overseas investment, Houg Kong Telecom.

The shares, perhaps hoping the worst is over, edged ahead 5p to 421p, a surprisingly up-beat performance on a day the market was in ragged retreat. Still they are more than a

dialling tone away from the 546p high hit when BT's hovering presence was confirmed and there seemed every possibility the nation's number two telecommunications group would be a powerful part of an international network.

authorities allow - and present indications are not encouraging - it could reap significant rewards as the major telephone network in the Far East, plugging into the vast China

potential. But the bear story is com-pelling. Cable faces more intense competition and its new management team, led by American Richard Brown, has still to win its spurs. There are also stories that its partner in the UK Mercury telephone network, Bell Canada International, is preparing to pull the plug on the alliance. It is rumoured to be preparing to sell its 20 per cent Mercury

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Stock market reporter of the year

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The stock market retreat from this week's peak contin-ued with New York again pro-viding the trigger for some significant marking down and inst a little selling just a little selling.
The FT-SE 100 index endwar, was 5p firmer at 122.5p as more evidence emerged that price competition was easing.

Figures are due next week.

Cairn Energy rose 13.5p to 3615p on Barclays de Zoete Wedd and SGST support and BICC firmed 25p to 333.5p with ABN Amro Hoare Govin the face of mounting fears ett positive.

Firecrest, the never-a-dullmoment multi-media group, fell 14p to 44.5p. It is in talks which could lead to a takeover ecutive Archie Norman disclosed he was reducing his day-to-day involvement. recovered 2.25p to 112.5p as
SBC Warburg set a 130p target price. Kleinwort Benson
and Societe Generale Strauss

Monday following the departure of its advisers, Singer & Friedlander and Collins Stewart. If replacements are not ap-pointed within a month Firecrest's listing will be can-

ment on Wednesday the shares were riding at 167.5p.

Inspirations, the holidays group, rose 12.5p tn 152.5p as takeover stories circulated. Ex-Lands, the property opera-tion which hived off its golf side, was another in the bid frame, up a further 1.5p to 10p.
But Blenheim, the exhibition

group, fell a further 16p to 398p. After bours it was confirmed what the market suspected - takeover talks had collapsed. United News & Mcdia was the favourite to strike. Apollo Metal held at 125p. It is raising £1.68m through a placing at 120p. The cash is needed to support increased trading levels.

Therapeutic Antibodies, a Frost, the independent petrol retailer squeezed as the forecourt giants waged a price duced a subdued trading statehio-babe that suffered the in-

market birth, gained 27p to 484p as Dr Erling Refsum, the pharmaceutical analyst at Yamaichi, said the shares were "still suffering from some post-float indigestion which makes for a good buying time". He believes the sales potential is bigh for what are low-risk projects. Because of an unenthusiastic reception the drug developer was forced to cut its value from £150m to £112m to get the issue away. The shares were sold at 525p. There is a suggestion 2 well-known pharmaceutical personality is

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460 440 420 400 380 F M A M J J A	would be a powerful part of an international network. Yesterday's modest gain was also prompted by hnpes of action at its highly successful Hong Kong associate. Its value could increased immeasurably	to sell its 20 per cent Mercury stake. Althrugh Mercury's performance has improved, a Canadian exit could still be a blow to Cable, particularly if Bell, as	The supporting index fell a fur- ther 15.9 to 4,416.2. Shares opened lower in re- sponse to New York's over- night fall. In the absence of	plans to merge with Fram- atome, France's state-owned	Friedlander and Collins Stew- art. If replacements are not ap- pointed within a month Firecrest's listing will be can- celled. First Information, a soft- ware developer where a pos-	Craig & Rose, a loss making paint maker, fell 72.5p to 150p	☐ Shell company CRP Leisure continues to seek acquisitions. It currently has one trading asset, theatrical designer Victor Mara. Shares are 2.25p.	
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BRITISH MASTERS GOLF: Exodus of the disaffected keeps growing as Montgomerie finds grounds for complaint

Allenby puts his faith in patience

ANDY FARRELL

reports from Collingtree Park,

And then there were two. Under par that is. The exocus from the One 2 One British Masters did not reach epidemic proportions but the only men in red figures after three rounds are Robert Allenby at five under and Pedro Linhart a shot behind. The prize for the most ill-timed use of the sponsor's product went to Mike Harwood, who called in to find out his early morning tee time, only to be told it was 20 minutes earlier.

The Australian became the 13th man to bring his participation in the £700,000 tournament a premature conclusion, not that the thought has not occurred to others. Allenby and Linhart, who returned a day's best 67, are probably the only two for whom it has not crossed

their minds. We have all come close to walking out," Colin Montgomerie admitted. What the Scot did do was walk straight off the 10th tee into the Portakabin office of the tournament director, Mike Stewart . "The conversation was between me and Mike," Montgomerie said, but witnesses describe it as "ani-

Montgomerie said: "I am very disappointed for the fans. August and September is when courses in England should be in their best condition. The lady scorer from a club nearby said all the other courses in the area are in good condition."

Montgomerie finished with four bogeys, and his only two birdies, in his last six holes of a 77 which leaves him 10 shots behind the lead.

Ian Woosnam, needing to re-

tain his lead at the top of the Volvo Ranking to ensure a place in October's World Match Play Championship, made birdies at the last two boles for a 71 which leaves him one over. At level are Miguel Martin and Costantino Rocca, who would have been entitled to walk out when he played the last nine boles on Thursday being unable to hold the club properly after being stung by a

The much talked-about greens did not bave much to do with Daniel Chopra taking a 10 at the last - one drive out of bounds, another unplayable, a visit to sand and three putts or the joint overnight leaders both taking double-bogey sixes at the first. Mark Roe drove out of bounds and never recovered. Allenby took four to get down from behind the green but battled back for a 71,

with a birdie at the last to

"The guy who is the most pa-tient is going to win and I feel I have a lot of patience at the moment," said Allenby, who has already won the English and French Opens this year. "There is always going to be a lot of whingeing in a situation like this, but hey, there's a golf tournament to play and you have to get on with it. Tomorrow I'm going to play smartly aggressive, which is no different from the last three days."

As an antipodean, Allenby has no interest in the Ryder Cup, although be has been selected by Peter Thomson as a wild card pick for the Rest of the World (excluding Europe) team that will take on the Americans in the President's Cup in two

Its forerunner does not seem to interest Linhart either and be is not impressed by the possibility of leading the European Ryder Cup standings (after one event) tonight. Born in Spain of American parents, he was known as Peter when playing mini-tours in the States but now has Spanish citizenship. "The Ryder Cup is a good event to watch on TV, but I'd hate to play in it." be said. "Too



Facing the unpleasant truth about difficult lies

Some of the finest players in golf defections by the time Montare grumbling around Collingtree Park in Northamptonshire, their pained expressions conveying the impression that it would be easier to make putts on the nearby M1 mo-

One of the most conspicuous, predictably you may think, was Colin Montgomerie whose humour was not improved by a bogey-bogey-bogey finish that left him at five over par after three rounds of the One 2 One British Masters. "I think everything has already been said about the conditions," Montomerie mut-

As frustration had led to 13

gomerie set off yesterday some thought it surprising to see him still on the course. "We have all come close to walking out, myself. Costantino Rocca, everyone. What persuaded me to stay? Why walk off? But everyone, the players, the sponsors, the caddies, will be grateful when Saturday afternoon comes around and we can all get

Normally, I do not have much sympathy with the breed. Golfers often go to work in those sylvan retreats you find in the expensive section of travel brochures. The birds sing, the sun shines; they don't even

have to carry their own equipment. They don't end up with scar tissue, dull eyes or slurred speech. Trauma is a bare lie, a ball buried in sand or knee-high rough. They hit a little white ball with scientifically perfect

A big difference this week is that the targets have not been manicured lawns but patches of grass with a texture somewhere between a worn goalmouth and Margate beach when the tide is

An old golf pro of my acquaintance likes to go around saying that in the right frame of mind it is possible to sink putts on a road. "Some of those guys



The best-struck putts bobble

don't know they're born," he What he would have made of Collingtree is another matter.

and jump and veer off line alarmingly. Anything from further than two feet is a gamble. Players with a serious attack of the "yips" would end up as suitable cases for treatment. On these greens the Australian leg spinner, Shane Warne would be

The story is on the leaderboard. Only two players, Robert Allenby of Australia and Pedro Linhart of Spain in red figures. Only two others at level par. One of the latter pair, Rocca wore a doleful expression as he putted out from a few inches at the 10th after watching a noble effort dribble off line. A shake of the bead sug-

After games I've been laving

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Tissier, hoping for brighter times

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gested that the Italian could "Impossible to read the greens," think of better things to be said, occupy his attention.

More or less everywhere you went on the course players were cursing the imperfections. Ten feet from the pin was a problem. End up further from the hole and you could forget about a birdie.

None of this appeared to bother Allenby who got around in a one-under 71 despite dropping two shots at the first. No

complaints from him. Plenty earlier in the week from Ian Woosnam who yesterday allowed for a patch of

real grass on one green only to

A birdie-birdie finish repaired

the Welshman's round, keeping him in contention at one over. Montgomerie's chances more or less went when his approach to the 18th clattered back into the water. After his tee shot at the 10th the Scot paused for a word with the tournament director, Mike Stewart. A private con-versation but you could imagine

what Montgomerie was saying.
Understandably, the leader
was philosophical. "Same for
everyone," Allenby said,
"you've just got to get on with
it." He also said something about whingeing.

see the ball shoot five feet past. QUOTES OF THE WEEK

attack which will fest the opposition and be capable of talking 20 wickets in a match for us. England coach David Lloyd locks back over the third lest defeat by

I think we have find a fantas tic season and it will be even bigger and better had year. Rugby Football League chief executive Maurice Lindsey singing the

be our hardest season ever be- praises of Super League. cause the influx of foreign play. the mood of a community i think longer steamfoller certain teams, this is the bigger shot in the arm, the way we used to. Wimbledon that the town has had for many a decade. David Howes, displess, ecutive of insugara. Super League on ampions St. Helens.

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Ringing changes at the rinkside

ice hockey STEVE PINDER

The domestic season faces off with a full Benson and Hedges Cup programme today but the familiarily of the traditional cup competition, guaranteed for another three seasons, will be shattered once the league gets underway next month.

Gone is the 10-team Premier

Division and 14-team First Division. In their place is the Ice Hockey Superleague, consisting of eight élite teams, the Premier Ice Hockey League, eight strong and primarily based in the south and Midlands, and the Northern Premier League, seven strong, encompassing the north, Scotland and Belfast's Castlereagh.

The Superleague aims to promote high-quality sport. Entry has been strictly controlled - criteria including a financial bond, stadium scatting capacity of 5,000 within two years, television facilities and increased safety provisions.

There will be no automatic promotion to the new Supereague nor play-offs between the bottom and top clubs from the leagues. Instead, applicants will have to satisfy Superleague criteria. Guildford did not feel they would be ready this season but are confident of admission next year while there are rumours of interest from Birmingham's

NEC and a London venue. The Superleague will avoid geographical clashes by emulating American sports and awarding franchises that, while maintain-ing traditional rivalries such as Sheffield and Nottingham, do not split the potential fan base.

The Bosman ruling has seen an influx of European talent with no limit on the number of imports teams can play.

Manchester Storm, will be the British representative in a newly formed European League of four-team leagues with the winners of the round-robin bome and-away games progressing into further competition. Sheffield Steelers, last year's league winners, are in the Eu-

ropean Cup.
Defenders of the changes say that if British ice hockey is to survive into the next century, it has to recognise that the sport must be profit-led rather than running at a loss - previous seasons have seen clubs colse at worst and financially struggle at best - and that fans demand brand-new facilities.

Detractors argue that clubs that kept the sport alive in the Sixties, such as Murrayfield and Whitley, bave been cast aside and will now struggle to attract crowds, sponsors and decent players. They also argue that the influx of foreign imports will diminish the chances for British players to progress and limit Britain's chances of Olympic and world championship level.

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If audiences do not come, sponsors are not attracted and the hoped-for media coverage does not boost awareness of the sport, those who consider the changes as a last desperate throw of the dice might be proved right. On the other hand a year of teething troubles may be the only price to pay before Britain's most popular indoor spectator sport gains not just a new and wider audience but a secure future that has



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Tobacco industry has long been characterised by high profit margins and powerful brands, the stuff of Which, elsewhere. investment legends

It has been a rough few weeks for the tobacco industry, now the subject of one of its periodic bouts of itters about the impact of litigation in the United States. Shares in the leading tobacco groups have taken a pasting since a Florida court awarded a 66year-old lung cancer sufferer \$750,000 in compensa-tion early in August. The judgment was made against Brown & Williamson, a subsidiary of BAT Industries, one of Britain's largest tobacco companies. Its shares have fallen sharply over the past year and are now trad-ing about 25 per cent below their high for the last 12 months. It is a similar story for the big two companies in the United States, RJR Nabisco and Philip Morris.

It is not the first time the tobacco companies have lost a case of this sort – an earlier judgment in 1986 was overturned on appeal – but it is still a potentially significant development for an industry which has for years successfully held the line against legal claims that it is liable for ill-health caused by smoking. It certainly could not come at a more awkward time for Hanson Trust, which plans to float its tobacco company, Imperial Tobacco, this autumn as part of a four-way

demerger designed to add value for its sharebolders. The tobacco companies have always based their defence against claims of this sort on two main arguments. One is their vehement denial that tobacco is ments. One is their vehement denial that tobacco is tall hazards. Health warnings have been printed on tall hazards. Health warnings have been printed on the potential hazards have been printed on the potential hazards.



figures solemnly appeared before a Congressional committee to swear on oath that they did not believe tobacco to be an addictive substance. The industry's argument, essentially, is that it cannot be addictive since so many people successfully give it up.

The second argument the industry deploys is that

most smokers, so the companies argue, can be assumed to know the risks they are running.

However, the Florida case is the first time that a jury has been allowed to hear evidence, which suggests the industry may have been less than honest about the addictive nature of its product. The evidence is based on a number of leaked company documents which appear to show that industry experts had privately admitted

tobacco was addictive as long ago as the early 1960s.

If the Florida judgment is upbeld on appeal, it could open the floodgates and land the industry with legal liabilities running to literally billions of dollars. As one stockbroker breezily admitted last week, it would make the asbestos liabilities incurred by Turner & Newell seem "like a drop in the ocean". Given that under American law, lawyers who succeed in winning legal liability cases of this sort can keep 25 per cent of any damages awarded, it is no surprise that some of the larger law

firms in the US are standing by to take on the industry.
Where does all this leave investors? Exposed, is the short answer. Tobacco may not be everybody's idea of an agreeable business, but nobody can deny the attraction of its underlying economic characteristics.

loyalty". But the drawback is the stigma of investing

in an industry whose product is known to kill people.

The industry has long been characterised by high profit margins, strong cash flow and powerful brands, the stuff of which, in any other business, investment legends are made. All the tobacco companies have huge: dividend-paying capacity, and are staple holdings in most institutional portfolios. It was partly for this reason that RJR Nabisco became the subject of the biggest

and most controversial takeover battle of the 1980s. BATs' market value, even at today's depressed prices. is over £13bn and it offers a dividend yield of 7 per cent. Imperial Tobacco, according to its prospectus, is aiming for a similar yield when it is floated this autumn. Unlike the Big Three, which have all diversified, Imperial will be a "pure" tobacco company. Uniquely, also. however, it has no business in the US and expects to be immune from any fall-out from the litigation

shadow hanging over the rest of the industry.

All the tobacco companies suffer because of the huge question marks over future litigation. If you focus solely on the tobacco element in companies like Philip Morris, you can buy their profits for a lower price than almost any other mainstream consumer business. Assuming you have no ethical objections, the investment decision turns on your judgment about the likely course of events on the other side of the Atlantic.

Not surprisingly, the industry is fighting back strongly. It plans to appeal on the Florida case, and has taken comfort from a subsequent judgment in Indiana which went the other way. President Clinton meanwhile, for blatant political reasons, has supported moves to have the tobacco industry regulated by the Federal Drugs Administration. Behind the scenes in Washington, bowever, there is talk of a deal by which the tobacco companies are offered immunity from future litigation in return for making a series of one-off payments to health authorities across the US.

If that happens, it will boost tobacco shares. But for the moment, the uncertainty will continue to cripple the industry's ratings. Tobacco shares are either a bargain or a potential minefield. My hunch is that they are still the former, but a better bet would be to find a way of investing in the only certain winners - the lawyers.

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SCOTTISH WIDOWS



Lloyd fishes for another England success

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Cricket correspondent

Sport and Leisure are activities often twinned in the glossy world of marketing. In reality, however, one rarely replaces the other unless success has first been secured. Which is why, after Thursday's victory stroll against Pakistan, the England players were given yesterday off to indulge themselves in activities yes-terday's players took for granted,

the beginning of his tenure as England's coach, David Lloyd outlined his desire to ensure that things they thought they were swagger as well I color at Dali. practice did not become a joyess chore, hinting that, when the time was right, he would occa-sionally scrap nets in favour of allowing tired bodies to idle away. The method is bound to have its detractors and, if England lose their second Texaco game at Edgbaston today, the practice puritans' will no doubt chorus their disapproval.

Lloyd has nearly always waited for the right moment to in-

good at, and yesterday's letter from Chris Lewis in the Times, was met with wholehearted approval, not least because it appeared to be written in the first and not the third person.

His latest clarion call is for England to express themselves more on the field, particularly when things are going well. "We won with something to spare on Thursday," he said yesterday, before joining his cap-tain and Robert Croft on a trout

istan. They are a fanatical side in the right sense of the word. They perform with real passion. I'd like a piece of that for England - a slice of that pizza.

"Let's have a hit of razzmatazz and if someone comes up with a brilliant piece of fielding let him know. When Alan Mullally came into the dressingroom at the start of the summer, he sat in the comer and said nothing. Now he's settled, he's com-pletely barray. A real character."

whose minimum of fuss epitomises the dourer qualities of our island race, any sudden transformation into a team infected with the screaming abdabs, will seem a little disingenuous.

Not to a player like Surrey's vice-captain, Adam Hollioake, whose Australian outlook and blandine almost guarantee extrovert on-field displays of emo-tion. "You have to play the game hard," reckons Hollioake, who could make his debut this morning in place of Ronnie Irani. "I'm-

say. Maybe 1 can be over-aggressive at times. But you can't play with fear in your heart." Hollioake, a man of res-

olutely Australian stock, is a great admirer of n certain Aussie all-rounder. "My ambition is to be England's long term No 6 like Steve Waugh. It's a position England have not filled for I don't know how long."

Whether or not Hollioake gets a chance to state his case will depend on the pitch. Edgbaston's fissures possess almost volcanic fire. The groundsman, in a bid

However, with a captain people in this country might to prevent the pitch cracking, has soaked it in order to keep the moisture content high. After recent rain, too, the pitch is likely

to start damp, which is likely to favour the side bowling first.

Hamed's chance to dispel doubts GLYN LEACH Prince" Naseem Hamed is smarting from the sting of critical assault and tonight at The Point in Dublin, Mexico's Manuel Medina is likely to be

Manuel Medma is likely to the made to pay for the damage done to one of mankind's larger egos. As Hamed approaches his third defence of the World Box-ing Organisation featherweight title, his cage has clearly been rattled by those who have dared suggest he might not attain the legendary status. There have always been doubters, those who believe that, in Hamed, substance might be secondary to style, that a real fighter would expose the 22-year-old hoy wonder from Sheffield. But the whispers gave way to screaming when Hamed found himself on the floor in the

first round against Puerto Rico's Daniel Alicea in June. That Hamed went on to knock out his previously undefeated mandatory challenger in the following round made no difference: a chink in the brash youngster's armour had been revealed.

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"I wasn't up to my normal standard in the first round," Hamed said. "There wasn't the fire in my belly that I normally have. But that knock-down hrought it hack."

The rumours persisted that success and celebrity had softened Hamed, that the takent he believes comes from Allah was no longer being nurtured in the gym, that Hamed's increasing fame had left bim too busy to

train for fights.
His trainer and mentor, Brendan Ingle, gives credence to this allegation: "Naz was only training once a day and when we got closer to the fight, he was try-ing to cram his training in order to catch up. But for this fight, he's been training twice a day. He's in tremendous shape."

And Hamed will need to be. The Mexican is vastly experienced compared to the champion, with 52 wins from 59 fights as opposed to Hamed's undefeated 22-0 - with 20 KOs. Medina has also held two verstions of the world title, the last as recently as eight months ago.

The number of years since Panama's Roberto Duran has bored on home soil. Duran, who is 45, fights Ariel Cruz in a super-middleweight non-title fight in Panama City tonight

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Yesterday it was his turn

feats with the ball.

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from The Oval

Warwickshire 195 Surrey 429-7

These days it seems that Surrev's acting captain, Chris Lewis, cannot do anything wrong. The mantle of respon-

Hussain reins in Yorkshire's attack

reports from Headingley Yorkshire 290 and 119-5 Essex 372

Nasser Hussain, appearing here by kind permission of the England selectors, put Essex firmly back into contention yesterday with an innings of 158. which was his first Championship century of the season. It also happened to be one that was crammed with the discipline, concentration and sheer guts demanded by a deteriorating pitch; in short, the type of batting that wins championships.

It also came by courtesy of far too much unacceptably poor bowling by Yorkshire. You can-not bowl like they did, short and wide, and bope to win anything. To do so on a surface where batsmen were increasingly apprehensive of variations in bounce was an embarrassment and all too symbolic of the current ills of English cricket.

The honourable exception was Gavin Hamilton. 21, uncapped, making only his fifth Championship appearance and -ve gods - a Scotsman. He hustled the batsmen by bowling straight, hitting the pitch and later he showed he knows bow to dispose of troublesome tail-

With more luck he might even have had Hussain early on. The batsman ducked a short

with the bat and his unbeaten half-century showed that the term all-rounder was tailored for Lewis in his present mood.

pitch ball which failed to bounce as expected, but left his bat protruding. The hall hit it and could have gone anywhere but it sped safely to the fine leg boundary. He also dealt quite a few hlows on the glove. Who would have thought that Essex would make a little matter of 194 before lunch? That was down to Hussain's rohust ability to put away anything loose despite the handicap of an in-jured finger, and Yorkshire's all round awfolness. At 98 Hussain was comfortably dropped in the deep by Richard Stemp. Wearing his dark glasses, even on an overcast day. Stemp looked like a member of the

cborus of Guys and Dolls and bowled like it - if that is not a slight oo nicely nicely Johnson. He was operating at the more helpful end where the ball turned appreciably, but you would not have known it. He was cut to the houndary umpteen times. Inevitably when

wide long hop. The importance of all that was seen later when Yorkshire went in 82 behind. Suddenly it was a different game. Peter Such, floating the ball up on a full length, turned an off break in his first over to have Michael

Vaughan Ibw. He then had David Byas caught at slip and, best of all, lured Martyn Moxon down the pitch, beat him through the air and bowled him through the gate.

Yesterday he thumped War-wickshire into near suhmission as he hammered his highest score (three sixes and nine fours) to date for the county who were prepared to stand by him in his recent troubles with the England management and who had shown faith in the man's ability by signing him in

the first place. Surrey must be in with a good shout for victory having established a comfortable lead of 234 runs to sustain their Championship challenge.

It has become customary for Mark Butcher to pass 50 these days. He was a little slow in reaching his 13th half-century of the summer and perhaps he should have gone to make a fourth bundred. However, when Ashley Giles pushed one through a little more quickly a leg got in the way and Butcher was on his way.

By then though he must have shown enough of his undoubted class and talent to convince the England hierarchy that he is worth a place on one of the tours. preferably the full one. Darren Bickriell echoed the tempo of the day with a thoughtful innings to reach his first half-century on home soil this season, in a summer when the usually prolific Bicknell has struggled for runs, still the 50 will be a relief.

Nearly all of the Surrey batsmen seemed to be hypnotised by the pace of the day and the pitch although there was a brisk balf-century from the wicketkeeper Graham Kersey. But matters only really accelerated from the languorous and lethargic when Lewis entered the Hollicake put on 111 in 24 overs. The England Under-19 all-rounder Hollioake fell a tantalising four runs short of his maiden first-class half-century, hat what a prospect.

Leicestershire stepped up their Championship challenge with a win over Somerset at Grace Road. West Indian allrounder Phil Simmons took 4 for 38 yesterday as Somerset were bowled out for 174 and suffered an innings and 39 runs defeat.

Giddins aims



Henman breaks through in US

Tennis

Tim Henman yesterday became the first British player in nine years to reach the third round of the US Open men's singles when he beat the American Doug Flach in straight

pletely outplayed Flach to win 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, emulated the feat of Andrew Castle who was the last to achieve a third-round berth in 1987.

Henman remains on course to meet the American Todd Martin, who ended the Wimbledon dream of the 21-year-old in the quarter-finals this year. Martin had a less than convincing four sets win over Younes El Aynaoui in the first

On court 16, Flushing Meadow's third show court, Henman was always in control of the first set against Flach, a wild card entry and ranked 120 places below the Oxfordshire player at 159, as be swept through the

But Flach, who caused the sensation of Wimbledon by beating Andre Agassi in the first round, showed some of the fighting qualities which helped dispose of his compatriot early this year.

Trailing 3-1, Flach came back to lead 4-3, but Henman showed how much be has matured over the last year by keeping his nerve and composure to take the next three

games and close out the set. Then at 2-2 in the third, with both players having broken serve, Henman brushed aside

the challenge of the American to sweep through the final four brought him a fine and sus-pension, beat the 10th-seeded Marcelo Rios 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 and then jiggled his body in a

Andre Agassi, the Olympic gold medallist finally reached the third round after early problems with Leander Paes, the hronze medallist in Atlanta. The sixth-seeded American was a set and two breaks down to 149th-ranked Indian before fighting back for a 3-6, 6-4,

6-1, 6-0 victory.

MatiVai Washington, the Wimbledon runner-up and 11th seed, rallied from two sets down but still lost to fellow American Alex O'Brien 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6 6-3. O'Brien, who unsuccessfully served for the match at 5-4 in the third set, recovered in the end to continue his recent success, which began by winning his first professional title two weeks ago in New Haven.

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thusiasm," Tarango said. "At the same time, they're cheering hlatantly against me. After I TODAY'S won I figured I could give them a little razzle-dazzle. Thomas Muster, the claycourt specialist, had no problems with the German Dirk Dier, winning 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. Muster's win sets up a thirdround match of two former French Open champions. The Austrian now faces the Spaniard Sergi Bruguera, who

won the French Open in 1993

and 1994. Muster succeeded

him as champion in 1995.

Jeff Tarango, whose Wim-

bledon tantrum two years ago

jeering salute to Rios' sup-porters. "I support their en-

NUMBER

to return after ban Ed Giddins has pledged to re-

turn to first-class cricket a better player after serving his 20-month ban for using cocaine - and has not ruled out playing for England. Giddins has revealed he will not appeal against the suspension, which was imposed after a random test which found he had taken the drug before Sussex's match with Kent at the end of May.

Now the 25-year-old fast bowler, sacked by Sussex two days after the TCCB ruling, is considering offers to play in South Africa, the West Indies and Australia, and may even play a summer of Lancashire league cricket next year.
"I was extremely saddened by

the TCCB's decision. While I still protest my innocence I will not be appealing," he said. "Instead, I intend to carry out

the suspension with dignity and use the 20 mouths to improve my game. I feel increasing my level of fitness can prolong my game for three or four years. "I trust and hope the TCCB will not bear a grudge against me and treat me fairly because I want to play cricket again at the highest level in 1998." I just want to make sure that

cricket people don't forget about me. On April 1, 1998, I don't want to creep back into the game. I hope to be fitter and better than before and to force my way into the England team." Giddins insisted he is desperate to keep playing and sees next season as a a depressing prospect. I'm already missing playing for Sussex and imagine it will be even worse next sum-

loved to have stayed with the County but it wasn't possible." The pace bowler, who toured Pakistau with England A last winter, added he has been heartened by messages of sup-port from Sussex followers.

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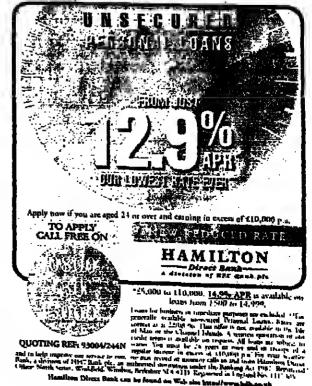
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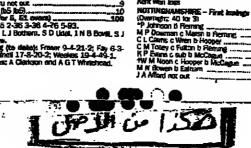


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** Unrest widens as Welsh clubs announce breakaway

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The tangled web that is rugby unioo was confused further yesterday when the Welsh First Division clubs announced their intention to recommend to their membership that they break away from the Welsh Rugby Union and join forces with their English counterparts, who shocked the Rugby Foot-

ball Union by announcing their intention to split from them on Thursday. The Anglo-Welsh There was also doubt about intention to split from them on Thursday. The Anglo-Welsh club tournament will now go ahead in defiance of the recent edict to the contrary by the WRU chairman, Vernon Pugh. However, the WRU last night defied their top clubs to go it alone with their threat of a breakaway. "If that is their

the break itself. Cenydd Thomas, the chief executive of the Swalec Cup holders, Pontypridd, said: "I just don't know what is going on.
I don't consider the people rep-resenting us at the meeting had any mandate to make decisions

"All I knew that there was going to be a meeting to discuss the move by the English clubs

and to examine possible options for tournaments. Then there was to be a full meeting and a report back to members of FORL First Division Rugby

Limited) oo Wednesday."
The RFU was in placatory mood as they responded to Eprue's declaration of intent. Tony Hallett, the RFU's secretary, appealed for patience on all sides after stating that Epruc and the RFU would be meeting early next week in an attempt to solve this latest crisis assailing the game.

Hallett was unhappy at the

prospect of a third special general meeting this year, which it is thought the clubs may call, say-ing: "An SGM would not help. It would unsettle the government of the game and I would ask anybody who has that thought in their mind to be patient."

The RFU were acrused of showing no decisive leadership

Deshayes. Confirming the clubs' intention to break away, he said on BBC breakfast television vesterday: "It's a sad day for rugby. We have been talking to the RFU for three months now and they haven't even let the ball out of the scrum. The game oeeds clear and decisive leadership and we believe there is a vacuum there because of the inner turmoil at the RFU."

The RFU denied the charge of infighting and indecisive lead-

agreement, but unfortunately it appears that the last few points carry most weight. The clubs, in addition to wanting to run the finances for their competitions (both broadcasting and spon-sorship), also want to be re-sponsible for disciplinary matters and the registration of players. The RFU, apart from having the infrastructure in place,

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which the clubs say they also

ership and insisted that they are have, to cover registration and discipline, also feels that the game should still be run from Twickenham and that a sport

oceds a governing body. Hallett said: "If they mean complete independence it would be the first sport out to have a governing body and I can't believe they mean that." But he acknowledged that the RFU's relationship with the clubs was "tenuous, fractions

wish, then so be it," David Rees, a WRU official, said. "There are 221 clubs who form The journey into the unknown

The turbulent start to the oew season is a situation made for Spock and Captain Kirk: "It's rugby, Jim, but not as we know it." There has been a definite star trek during the summer as play-er movement has been in the direction of what they had thought would be financial security.

For this week at least there will be a Courage League pro-gramme for the First Division; the Second Division clubs begin their campaign next week although today they will be engaged in cross-border skirmishes in the secondary Anglo-Welsh club com-petition. The Welsh Rugby Union have tried to play down the importance of the competition, but English Second Division Rugby (EFDR) are hoping to get a sponsor for the event.

Apart from the influx of talented individuals from Rugby League in a couple of weeks, there will be other noticeable changes, not least in north and west London where Saracens and Wasps respectively have moved to football stadia. Seracens entertain Leicester at Enfield Town FC, where they will remain until work is completed on a proposed new ground on land adjacent to the football club's ground. Wasps fans will have to wait a week longer before they can settie down in the all-scater stadiinn of Loffus Road. This week the

English All Blacks travel to Sale.

At Harlequins — who wish to be known as NEC Harlequins in deference to their sponsors it will oo longer be possible to identify a player's position by the David Llewellyn looks ahead to what could be a turbulent term in England

at Cardiff he will pull on the No 37 jersey, his rugby league col-league Robbie Paul is squad No 35. Every player has been allo-cated a squad oumber which they will wear all season. Naturally Will Carling will wear No 13 all season, even when he plays at stand-off, as he is hoping to do; today, at home to Glouces-ter, the former England captain is at his regular position of cen-tre and it is unlikely that the first-choice stand-off Paul Challinor will give up his berth without a fight. Not all change is necessarily progress, but most of it helps marketing — and broad-

To date any rockets in the game have been of the missile variety, aimed at different factions as the administrative infighting continues, but this afternoon fans can expect to see rockets of a different nature; while the rugby league incomers are oot due for a couple more weeks, the addition of a couple of sprinters to the club ranks -Jason John at Moseley and Derek Redmond at Coventry will also add to the impression of speed. And, of course, there is the sub 10.5sec 100-metre numer Paul Sampson who has

also joined Wasps.
In any case, a faster game has been promised by everyone following changes to the laws

shirt number he sports. When which should allow more time Gary Connolly makes his debut for the playmakers at half-back to set their threequarters moving. The line-out, one of the most difficult areas for a referee to control satisfactorily has also had a change or two made, most notably the one where a player may now use either hand to tap the ball back, provided both arms are above his head; previously they could only use the inside arm to play the ball.

Of course as professionals.

there is going to be a great weight of expectation on the players. Fans - and the clubs ancial backers — will want their money's worth (however that can be quantified). Entertainment has to be at the forefront of any side's strategy. There will be little tolerance for stodgy 10-man rugby. The days of the hoof it and hope brigade are numbered. So a more expansive game, the sort the England coach, Jack Rowell, and his squad aspire to, can be expected, and probably demanded.

the entertainment front. Apart from the aforementioned speedsters, there is also the

pack. Alex King, the prodigiously talented Bristol University stand-off will appear in Wasps colours this season. Most interest is going to surround the performances of the rugby league stars. Work permits

allowing Va'iga Tuigamala (Wasps), Connolly and Paul (Harlequins), Henry Paul and Jason Robinson (Bath), Martin Of-(Onell). And it will be fascinating to see how the have-nots cope. Clubs without a sound financial

footing by now are already on the edge of the herd and are expected to go to the wall perhaps before the season is out. Much of their destiny is out of their hands, but with the ball in them they can still contribute something to their fate. Money may change the individuals in the game, it will be interesting to see if it changes the game itself.



Foreign imports will help on

presence of high calibre players such as Michael Lyoagh, the for-mer Australian stand-off, and retired - but far from retiring on the pitch — France centre Philippe Sella, both at Saracens. Theo there is Laurent Benezech and Laorent Ca-

fiah (Bedford), Franc Botica

Paul set to be part of the union contracts with Wakefield Trin-

The English rugby union seasoo opens today with the promise of the biggest influx of new talentit has ever seen, largely thanks to that which it has begged, stolen, borrowed and bought

the past hundred years.

If cinb rugby union looks better this season, it will be because it is liberally studded with players who have hooed their craft elsewhere. The world of rugby . is suddenly upside down.

The incomers from league fall into two categories: the permanent transfers, often former union players who have failed to make it, and the loan rangers, often high-grade, bornand-bred league men, who are thought to have what it takes to cross over. These are the new, hybrid

breed of year-round rugby codebreakers - and how they will fare over the oext 12 months will be rugby league player playing the most intriguing running story in both codes of rugby. Take the case of Henry Paul. No boy growing up in Auckland could be unaware of rugby

ity and, a year later, Wigan. While Paul was playing

league, his astonishing skill and flair were a partially kept secret. Once he had played for Wigan diesex Sevens, the word was out. Bath wanted him for the winter, Paul wanted to go, Wigan had no objection and our - despite some initial tough talking

- did the Rugby League. So when Wigan's season ends, be it today or in the Premiership final oext Sunday, Paul will decamp to the house in Bath for which he was oegotiating last week and take up well-paid, temporary employ-

ment as a rugby union player. "The chance to earn money is a factor, of course," he says.
"But the main thing is the chance to do something that nobody has done before - as a real rugby union.
"It's a risky thing I'm doing.

Rugby union isn't an easy game; if it was everyone would do it." There are plenty of people in union, but league was always his rugby league who wish that game – the ooe that took him Paul was not doing it, especialinto the Junior Kiwis and into hy at a time when he could be

Dave Hadfield on imported league talent likely to

make an impact tourists.

Moving the goalposts: Wasps' players get in some training at Loftus Road, their new home ground, earlier this week

The Kiwi coach, Frank Endacott, has made it plain how disappointed he is that Paul should have opted for club rugby unioo in Britain rather than playing for his country.

dacott spoke to me the deal with Bath had already been done for four weeks," Paul said. "I'd



playing for New Zealand tre, Gary Connolly, will add a come back to league a better against the Great Britain new dimension to the union

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But by the time Frank En-



gone for something that was definitely there, rather than something that might not be. Players like Paul, his equal-

game. The footwork of the Pauls is quite unlike anything in union, as is the sheer power of Coooolly's tackling. As Wigan showed against Bath, the pace and imagination of league back

union equivalent. The players who can bring these qualities to union are said to be on contracts worth up to £5,000 a match - dazzling money by any standards.

Making a virtue of necessity, the League's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, says that it would be unfair to preveot players from making that sort of killing. But clobs like Warringtoo and St Helens maintain that league has oo business making union look better by lending out its best and bright-

guesting in rugby union this win-

League has to be concerned about the possibility of burn-out.
"I doo't feel the need for any rest," Paul said, "When my ly gifted brother, Robbie, from rugby starts to go down I'll know the Bradford Bulls, and the it's time to take a rest."

player. That was the main reasoo for wanting to go to Bath there are players there I can learn from," he said.

Paul is due back at Wigan for pre-season training on II January, but sees that as open to ne-

"If we were still in the Cup, I'd expect a bit of flexibility," he said. Worse than that, Paul has already talked publicly about the possibility of playing union full-time when the remaining two years of his Wigan cootract ex-

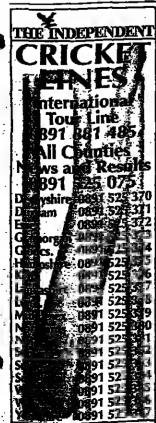
That is one fear - that the boys will not come back at all. The other is that they will come back rich but full of bad habits. There might be a brief thrill in seeing the Pauls, Connolly and Jason Robinson tying the old enemy in knots. But it will est; oone of their players will be be interesting to see what sort of rugby league they will be play-

All Blacks all set for victory

The World Cup holders, South Africa, face a 3-0 whitewash unless they can bait a rampant New Zealand in the final Test at Elhs Park in Johannesburg today.

The All Blacks have recalled Andrew Mehrtens at stand-off, while the Springboks have brought back Henry Honiball at stand-off for Joel Stransky.

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Swansea steeled for road ahead

After the false start at Cardiff Arms Park last weekend, when only 19,000 people turned out to see Wales beat the Barbarians, the Welsh rugby season is set for a proper kick-off this af-ternoon when the more tradi-The All Blacks took an unbeatable 2-0 lead last weekend. tional rivals get to grips with each other across the country.

The club scene kicks-off with almost a dozen seasoned in-ternational campaigners having gone to the Courage League – among them Gareth and Glyn Llewellyn to Harlequins, Rob Jones to Bristol, Adrian Davies, Andy Moore, Craig and Scott Ouinnell to Richmond and Phil Davies to Leeds - and oo sponsor to take the place of the backer of the last six seasons,

Hemeken. It means the Welsh Rngby Union will have to stump up £987,000 this seasoo to pay for the 20 divisions in their National League structure, but not even that is likely to cover the enormous costs involved in satisfying the new found, or now legal at least, wage bills of the clubs.

The First Division elite are rumoured to have agreed contracts worth around £6m for their players. The question is will they be worth it? The pace, tempo and competitiveness of the game at St Helen's today, where Swansea cotertain Cardiff, should give a clear indication of what the fans can expect from the new season. Swansea look the best outside

bet for a trophy this season, hav-

ing re-recruited the former rug-

by league players Scott Gibbs, Paul Moriarty and Stuart Evans

and brought in Arwel Thomas

After a summer of transfers and turmoil, the Welsh National League starts today. Robert Cole assesses the new season

from Bristol. They have also in- side last season in certain areas," responsibility." stalled a no-nonsense skipper in the experienced Welsh booker Gazin Jenkins.

He, more than anything, could prove the catalyst of a revival that could yet see Swansea not only capture a domestic trophy, but compete against the best of the French sides in the European Conference. We've got a good side on paper, but we must gel this season.

Jenkins said. "I hope that myself and a few other players will be able to lead by example. I want everybody to respond in the same way and this season that means everyone putting their bodies on the line, rather than a chosen few. Players have to remember they must put in the effort and hard work before reaping the rewards. We are in a new, professional era and there is individual and collective There was a lack of steel in our

Cardiff beat Swansea three times last season, including a thumping 59-0 win at St Helen's, yet despite their flood of leading summer signings, of whom Rob Howley, Leigh Davies and Justin Thomas will be on duty for the first time, they are somewhat reluctant to start. An ootbreak of surum pox,

in addition to a glut of injuries

to international hack-row

men, caused them to ask for

a postpooement. The game will go ahead, but the question is will Cardiff he able to scrummage?
The burning issue tomor-

row, wheo the reigning Na-tional League champions Neath tackle the Swalec Cup holders Pootypridd in the inaugural Champions Challenge match at the Arms Park, is can Neath make do in their second row after losing Gareth and Glyn Llewellyn. The match is a repeat of the Swalec Cup final in May -an event which already seems so distant after a summer of unprecedented unrest.



Contracts talk haunts kick-off

The champions, Melrose, start as strong favourites to claim a sinth title in eight years when the Tennents Premiership kicks off in Scotland today against a background of unrest on the international front.

The Scotland captain, Roh Wainwright, is signatory to a letter calling a players' meeting to be held in Edinburgh tomorrow and expected to discuss conditions included in contracts offered this week by the Scottish Rugby Union to 44 home based players and 12 exiles.

Amid suggestions that the mooey on offer - £20,000-£50,000 - is regarded as insufficient in some quarters, Wainwright claims the original deadline for returning the contract to Murrayfield was unrealistic. He said yesterday: "Our lawyer has spoken to the SRU and got them to lift the 29 August deadline. You can't expect people to decide on their careers in three days. It's all being done through our lawyers who are looking at every aspect of the document before players sign."

Apart from the ban on players contributing oewspaper columns under the terms of the contract, there are also concerns over the amount of club rugby they will fit in next season when more emphasis is placed on in-

ter-district competition. Keith Robertson, the chief ex-

ecutive of Scottish First Division Rugby Limited, is also involved in Sunday's meeting and will hope to urge the players to secure guarantees safeguarding the future role of clubs. Unless Robertson is successful theo Scotland could be about to embark on the last club championship featuring top players on a regular basis. That would particularly frustrate Melrose who have recruited internationals Peter Wright, Derek Stark, Scott Nichol and Stewart

Campbell with a view to gaining entry to the European Cup. Campbell is already on the injured list and misses today's clash with Stirling County who will be without the Scotland pair Kevin McKenzie and lan Jardine.

Despite losing Stark and Wright, Boroughmuir are ex-pected to provide the main challenge to Melrose when they open today against Hawick, one of the few top clubs who will not to be paying players. Not only that, Hawick's squad voted that the £15,000 prize for winning the Scottish Cup last season should be invested in facilities.

Elsewhere today, Watsoni-ans visit Jed-Forest without Scott Hastings, who is resting a knee strain. Jed-Forest like Currie and Heriot's who meet at Malleny Park, are likely to be particularly glad that reconstruction to increase the our ber of clubs in the top flight from eight to 10 means no relegation

WORLD CUP: Home nations target a place in France in 1998 as England and Scotland open their qualifying campaigns

Gascoigne happy to mind the kids Ferguson poised to

Glenn Moore

talks to England's playmaker about his senior status

"Elder statesman" is not an appellation which immediately comes to mind where Paul Gas-

coigne is concerned.

However, unlikely as it may seem to followers of his tabloid alter ego, this is the role Gascoigne the footballer is increasingly assuming in the England team. It is not that fatherhood and marriage have noticeably matured him, it is mainly the passage of time. As the seasons go by Gascoigne is finding himself to be a relative veteran in the international side, by virtue of both age and

experience.
At 29 the Rangers midfield-er is older than three-quarters of the 24 players summoned by the England coach, Glenn Hoddle, during the past nine days. Moreover, only Stuart Pearce has won more than his

This is especially pertinent as for two years England have barely played away from home. On the two occasions they have - the abortive trip to Dublin, and the goalless draw in Oslo. it has been for a friendly match in a familiar, English-speaking

Now they are about to embark on a series of difficult away matches in the quest for World Cop qualification. They are al-ready in Moldova for tomorrow's match. Then, after a home game with Poland, they travel to Georgia in November and Poland in May. "Not having played any away games is a disadvantage," Hod-

dle said. "We have had a cushion, we've been playing friendly matches, and had that fantastic support in the summer. The different covironment makes this a tough game."

The last time England played a competitive match behind what was known as the Iron Curtain was in the summer of 1993 when they drew with Poland. Only Gascoigne, Paul Ince and Teddy Sheringham survive from that game.

A few months earlier Gascoigne and Ince had played Turkey in Izmir, Gascoigne heading the second goal of a 2-0 win. The players were pelted with rocks by spectators and kicked by their opponents. They needed a police escort off the

Yet Gascoigne's memory of the worst place he has visited goes back to a match he did not even play in. Albania in March 1989. Gascoigne travelled with



Paul Gascoigne, England's inspirational midfield player, is determined to be an integral part of Glenn Hoddle's World Cup plans and hopes to pass on his experience to the younger generation of players

the squad as a fresh-faced 21year-old with two substitute appearances and, in a hreak from preparing for tomorrow's game, he said: "That was the roughest place I've been to. That was tough.

"Once you've got the shirt on you get a buzz but beforehand, in those places, you just stay in the hotel, watch TV, sit around and wait for the game. A few of the lads have got video games [oo this trip] so I'll play them and play cards. It is a matter of keeping your mind oo the

Gascoigne's recollection of Tiraoa being worse than Izmir underlines how young players can be affected by unfamiliar vegues. Gascoigne is hoping he can help the new crop of players through in the same way that senior players once helped him. question. But, he added: "They

"I felt ready [when I made my do not come to anyone else eidebut - at home to Denmark earlier that season]. I enjoyed

ther. Someone like David Beckham, he's played in the Cup

player settle into the squad. Nor is he as bad an example as popular legend has it. He is pasit. I got great encouragement final, battled with Newcastle for sionate about football, a fero-from the likes of "Butch" [Ter-ty Butcher], "Robbo" [Bryan from the half-way line – what was blamed (probably wrongly)

'Once you've got the shirt on you get the buzz but beforehand, in those places, you just stay in the hotel, watch TV, wait for the game'

When you've got the senior pros telling you to relax and enjoy it it is not a problem. Hopefully we can pass our experience onto the kids.

"No, they doo't come to me for advice," he said, laughing at the apparent foolishness of the

WEEKEND FIXTURES AND POOLS CHECK

enough. This is the generation which grew up watching his achievements at Julia '90 and just being treated as an equal by Gascoigne is enough to lift them. While he has his faults, his infectious and usually generous kids what it's like, what the at-

Robsoo] and Chris Waddle. advice does he want from me?" for the Cathay Pacific incident, Just being around is probably was even showing a new mood in dealing with the media.

"These [World Cup] matches bring back memories of 1990," he said. "Glenn Hoddle's experienced it [the World Cup] as well. The more we tell these spirit has helped many a young mosphere's like - and it is

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'something else' - the better for them. I want to be part of it again myself. With these kids coming

through I have to be on my game. But I don't worry about it [being selected]. If the manager did come to me and said 'your time's up. I'd say 'that's no problem', simple as that. But if I'm fit and I produce the goods hopefully managers will pick

Hoddle looks likely to but it would not be Gazza if there was not a complication. This time it rather than scandal. When he resumed training in pre-season Gascoigne discovered an Achilles problem. It ruled him out of Rangers' start to the season but, having played last week and passed a scan he is close to

"I just have to stretch a bit and get my wind after a while but the Achilles is fine," he said.

Photograph: Peter Jay

"I'm looking forward to it. The oew manager's system is similar to Terry [Venables]'s but different. He likes to play football the way it should be played and if we can play like we did against Holland in his system we will do really well. That game was outstanding. It was one of my most memorable games because of the way we played. Some ex-Dutch players said we were going to get thrashed and

Something for Gascoigne to tell his grandchildren about - or, the way things are going, his

throats. Not only did we out-

fought them, we outplayed

add bite to attack

Craig Brown, Scotland's manager, will not name his selection ager, will not name his selection for this evening's opening qual-ifying tie against Austria in Vi-enna's Ernst Happel Stadium until near kick-off. But Duncan Ferguson has been told to give goal-shy Scotland the attacking touth than know helded since the teeth they have lacked since the retirement of Joe Jordan.

Ferguson has been inked in as a front-line partner for Ally McCoist. The Everton striker will end o 20-month exile from the international scene after injury, suspensino and a jail sen-tence kept him out.

"I am excited about seeing him in action," Brown said. "It is a major plus for us that Dun-can is fit and in form. It really has been a startling emergence. He is like a new player. Austria have a big defender at the back but he won't relish the challenge of trying to handle Duncan.

McCoist, whose winner at Euro 96 over Switzerland was one of only three goals in Scotland's last seven games, insists Ferguson's recall adds the aggression sorely missed since Jordan retired in 1982. Ferguson has yet to score as

he looks forward to his sixth appearance and his first since December 1994 against Greece. McCoist and Ferguson, who hardly played together during

the latter's spell at lbrox, are certain starters in a line-up which virtually picks itself if Colin Hendry is passed fit.
The Blackburn defender. who has a groin injury, threw himself into training yesterday

and will be given another lest today before Brown decides. "Colin is the nnly fitness doubt," Brown said, "and I am prepared to wait a hit longer. The medical people are opti-mistic and I would say the odds are 70-30 that he will play." If not, Brown could use Craig

Burley or Derek Whyte in a three-man defence with Colin Calderwood and Tom Boyd. A switch for Burley would mean Celtic's Jackie McNamara winning his first cap at right-back.

The first choice midfield of Stuart McCall, the captain Gary McAllister, and John Collins remains intact from Euro 90.

Cologne's 32-year-old striker Toni Polster is the local hero with 34 international goals in 76 we stuffed that down their appearances. He oceds one more to overtake Hans Krankl, with 34 in 69, as Austria's top scorer of all time.

SCOTLAND (v Austrie, World Cup qualifi-tr, Vienna today); Poseible team: Gorant (Rangers; McKinley (Cette), Barley (Criscal, Boyd (Celte), Celderwood (Tottennam, Hessary (Blackum, McCall (Rangers), McKinlett (Barcary, Celtina (Moraco), McColst (Rangers), Services (Rangers), McColst

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WELSH MATIONAL LEAGUE First Division: Bingerid v Usnell (2,30); Duruari v Ethio Vale (2,30); Newbridge v Treorchy (2,30); Newbort v Carephilly (2,30); Swansee v Cardiff (2,30).

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HALIFAX STUDENT RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD GUP Flank Australia v Western Somos (4.30) Think-fourth place play-off; France v New Zeoland (2.0) (book at Selford).

BENSON & HEDGES CUP: Newcastle v Ayr (6.30); Telford v Kingston (7.30); Slough v Cardif (6.30); Swindon v Nanchester (5.30); Notinghen v Sheffield (7.0); Basingstoke v Bracknetl (6.30); Medwey v G.Aldford (6.0); Peterborough v Byrninghem (6.30).

FIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP British Grand Prix 17.0) (at London Stadium, Hackney).

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CYCLING: World Track Championship (at Man-chester Velodrome).

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McCarthy gives youth a chance

The Republic of Ireland manager, Mick McCarthy, yesterday named only four of the players from the side held to a goalless draw by Liechtenstein 14 mooths ago for today's return match in a World Cup qualifi-

er in Eschen.

McCarthy, who took over from Jack Charlton last March, is pushing the squad into a new era and includes several of the youngsters awarded their first caps at the end of last season and during the summer tour of America. Blackburn's reserve goal-

keeper Shay Given is preferred to Sheffield United's fit-again Alan Kelly, while Norwich's Keith O'Neill will partner Niall Quinn up front and Leeds United's Ian Harte plays on the left side of midfield on his 19th birthday. McCarthy has left out Liv

erpool's £3.6m defender Phil Babh and Blackburn's £1.5m midfielder Jeff Kenna. But veterans Ray Houghton and Andy Townsend return to the side along with Portsmouth's Alan McLoughlin whose late goal put the Republic into the World Cup finals of 1994. "I have faced several hard de-

cisions this week before my first World Cup match as manager," McCarthy said. "Whether we qualify or not we will feel the benefit of the experience these oew players will gain."
Ireland's goalless draw in

Liechtenstein in June last year effectively stopped them qualifying for Euro 96, but they should make comfortable amends for that result this time REPUBLIC OF INSLAND (v Liechtenstein, World Cup qualifier, Eschen today): Given (Sischtern): Inwis (Menchester Uni), Breen (Bringham), Stauston (Aston Villa), Mechteer (Liverpool), Houghton (Crystal Palace), Townsend (Aston Villa, capt), Meloughite (Portmouth), Hart (Leets Uti), Quima (Sunderland), O'Neis (Norwich).

The Northern Ireland manager Bryan Hamilton is expect-ed to field the nucleus of the team that drew 1-1 with Germany m May for today's opening World Cup qualifying match against Ukraine at Windsor Park.

San Marino's plan for Giggs

GUY HODGSON

If there is one thing you can pre-dict about the World Cup qualifying competition it is the mantra repeated whenever a British team meet a national side whose goals against column normally threatens to equal its population. "There are no easy games in international football," it says, although if you had to cominate a nation who might contradict that it is San Marino.

Wales do not normally fit the hill whenever international giants are discussed but their reputation will loom over their opponents in Cardiff this afternoon. San Marino, whose qualification record in the last World Cup read two goals for 48 against, are traditional whipping boys when it comes to group matches and that is when they are match fit. At the moment the part-timers are in the middle of their close sea-

On top of that there is a 5-0 thrashing of today's opponents secured in June to massage Welsh confidence. As a manager, Bobby Gould, has said this week a repeat of that score would be about as good a start as be could hope for by a nation who have not reached the finals since 1958.

Dean Saunders, whose form in Serravalle two months ago allowed Gould the luxury of dropping Ian Rush, concedes that anything other than a victory would have catastrophic consequences for the Welsh, as Group Seven also includes the Netherlands, Belgium and Turkey.

"If you don't get the points from the easy games," the Nottingham Forest striker said, "then you've got to heat teams like Holland. If you've got the points in the hag you're going to places like Amsterdam knowing a draw is a good result. It's

not an easy group hut we're on the front foot and looking to keep going forward. If we beat San Marino again we'll be top of the table with a head start oo

everybody." In San Marino the Welsh, inspired by a rampant Ryan Giggs, were 3-0 up by half-time and Saunders believes the start today will dictate the pattern. "We have to make sure we approach the game property," he said, "and nail them down early oo. If we let the match drag on without breaking them down they'll become more deter-

Gould was so happy with his team's performance in Scrravalle that not only Rush has failed to make it back into the team. Gary Speed, who missed the last match because of his honeymoon, is only a substitute despite an encouraging start with Everton since his £3.5m transfer from Leeds this summer. "They played well out there," the manager said of his unchanged side. "They deserve another chance."

At least San Marino will be forewarned particularly about Giggs who will be the focus of the attention for their defenders. "We will do everything possible to stop Giggs," said Massimo Bonini, the San Marino coach. "We will try to keep a close watch on him and not allow him space. He showed in San Marino that he could play for any team in Italy. He would be welcome anywhere.

"I knew the Weish players were strong but we now realise they also have good technique. They have very good players like Giggs and [Mark] Hughes, We weren't ready for them in June hut now we know what in expect."

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The early guess was that once

again envious glances would be

cast in the direction of the

North-west Failing that, it was likely the North-east would hold sway. South Yorkshire was

not rated an area of likely pros-

perity, but after a surprise open-

ing two weeks of the season, we are forced to salute the region's twin pace setters.
If Sheffield Wednesday's dis-

missal of Aston Villa, Leeds and Newcastle did not follow the script, then Barnsley's ascent to the head of the Nationwide

League with a matching un-

beaten run was more pre-dictable Damy Wilson's shrewd

management maintained their

pursuit among the promotion

challengers for much of last term

and the first evidence would suggest they have now acquired the habit of turning more winning positions into wins.

Wilson's side have earned their

early breather today, although he would doubtless have preferred

the opportunity to maintain the

momentum at Birmingham, an at-

tractive game which has fallen vio-

tim to the weekend's

Where Trevor Francis has

been able to persuade players to drop out of the Premiership

for Birmingham's promotion cause, the resources at the dis-

posal of his former Wednesday

colleague are not nearly so bountiful. As a result, Wilson

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Trevor Haylett

previews the action

are not going so well."

The visit of Wolves to Carrow

Road is billed as one of the most

attractive games of the day, al-though for the Norwich man-ager, Mike Walker, it is an

occasion demeaned by the im-

ad on his already slim squad.

The East Anglian side are not

alone in feeling aggrieved by the summer switch by the Football

League to allow for positione-ments only when three players are called away by their country.

a ruling moreover, which applies only to full internationals. Six

players out because of the Un-

der-21 fixtures? Tough lack.
The League is adamant the

fault lies with the national as-

sociations who have scheduled

World Cup fixtures for week-

ends, thereby affecting domes-

tic games on a Sainrday and also

those in the preceding undweek.
We are looking at a possible eight separate fixture programmes being disrupted the League spokesman, Chris Hull,

said. This was an ill-thought move by the national association.

If we hadn't raised the limit for

postponements from two players to three and if we hadn't excluded.

those at Under-21 level, these is.

ON SATURDAY

Olivia Blair

this weekend in the Logic, unlike lady luck and sugar dad-dies, plays but a bit part in the drama that is football. Were it otherwise, Nationwide League was underplaying the figuificance of their start. "We have begin OK, but it's fair to say that every year two or three sides begin OK. much of the unpredictability that makes the game such a compelling spectacle would be lost. Just imagine a football history with scenes such as Sunderland's Jim Montgomery-inspired win over Leeds in the 1973 FA Cup final, Milwall were top after four games last season and ended up relegated. Three games and three wins mean nine points in the bag for later in the year when things Southampton's triumph over Man-chester United three years later, and Wimbledon's victory against Liverpool in the 1988 final, written out; in which Wretham, Sutton, Port Vale and York, hadn't actually giant-killed Arsenal, Coventry, Spurs and Man Utd respectively, in which David Gualtieri had never the state of the sta Or, put another way, all they have achieved so far is a solid foundation against the threat of relegation. Should Oldham, sorbada't rint care round the Dutch,
Roger Mills and t upset the Argenfassa' (and World Cup) applecant, and
Denmark had never conquered Europe. ry starters with four successive defeats, stumble again today at home to ipswich, then the dreaded R word will doubtless occupy a few minds at Boundary Park.

> Because it's the beauty of the unex-pected, the belief that every underdog will have its day, that keeps football so fresh, keeps burns on seats (and keeps the bookies in a job). And that is never more true than at the start of the season, when logic, and the form book, are

No, I couldn't either. It wouldn't be the

turned completely on their heads. There is no logical explanation as to how Sheffield Wednesday, a team boasting a strike-force with the combined age of 41 and no Premiership experience, a defender is who more beatable than not these days, and a manager who was among the favourites to get the sack before the season was even out of its starting blocks, are top of the table with ximum points. Nor how Sunderland have defied the critics who say that what comes up must go down again to start as the North-east's top team, while Newcastle trail in their walte. Plymouth only made the Second Division thanks to a solitary play-off final goal, yet the Pilgians sit proudly astride the division while relegated Luton, strong favourites wime-relegated Linon, strong ravouries
to Journe back up, are propping it up.
And Hardepool, whose goal difference
wastle fourth-worst in the entire League
last season and who finished fifth-bottons of the Third Division, have somehow staged this campaign at the top.
Dut without wanting to take anything
away from those who have begun with



barometer of what is to come. Last Sunday, after Blackburn had unsettled Man Utd (and the bookies) at Old Trafford, Sky's Richard Keys said: "And

here's the League table, as if you can tell anything at this stage of the season." An no wonder. United as if you could forget, were 3-0 down at Villa Park by halftime to the first game of last season, prompting Alan Hansen's now infamous remark that "you won't win anything with kids". Hansen is the last person who will need reminding what United won last sea-son. Conversely, Millwall and Swansea City were top of the First and Second Divisions respectively after just three games last season, and both were relegated.

Remember the start of the 1974-75 season when Carlisle United were perched on top of the First Division with three games gone? However, they would probably rather you forget that by the start of the following season they were playing Second Division football. League positions are not the only sta-

tistics which seem to make little sense so early in the season. Forget fresh starts, Manchester City obviously believe that no way we would have been able away from those who have begun with a change at the start of a season is as In football, Goram maintains, "it's the day. So you could say it's about time, to complete our programmic by a season is as In football, Goram maintains, "it's the day. So you could say it's about time, to complete our programmic by a season is as In football, Goram maintains, "it's the day. So you could say it's about time, to complete our programmic by a season is as In football, Goram maintains, "it's the day. So you could say it's about time, to complete our programmic by the first week in May," where the first week in May, "where the first week in

from the half-way line, the reality is that Monday (26 August), just over three the start of a season is not an accurate years after Peter Reid was kicked out of the Maine Road bot seat - on 28 Angust 1993. Graeme Sourcess was sent off in his first game as player-manager of Rangers, provoking speculation that his stay would be short. Sounces replied by leading Rangers to their first Premier

League title in nine years. Only in Scottish football, where the top of the Premier League had a familiar ring about it from the off, has logic consistently seen off the surprise element. In fact there are 38 clubs in the Scottish League who, judging by the Old Firm - and Scottish media - preoccupation with a statistic involving the oumber nine, might just as well not have bothered turning up this season. That any other club other than Rangers or Celtic will win the League (or anything else) north of the border, is as unlikely as Alan Sugar buying a life mem-bership to Scribes.

But to give in to such reality would be to deny those who concur with Rudyard Kipling, that it is the taking part, not the winning, that counts. The Rangers goalkeeper, Andy Goram, claims that theory is "a load of shite".

Kinling never kicked a ball in his life. . . . Easy to say when your team has woo eight League titles on the trot.

I'm not saying that a good start has no chance of being maintained until the bitter end. (Swindon were top of the Second after just two games last sea-son, and were still there when the season ended.) Just not much chance. Let us hope, for instance, that Fabrizio Ra-vanelli does not suffer a goal drought although Boro were a team of two halves last season: they woo 33 points in the first 19 games, just 10 in the last 19). Ditto Kevin Campbell, Steve Bull et al. And let's also hope that Sheffield Wednesday are not involved in a relegatioo battle oext May.

It would be romantic to think that the 1996-97 Premiership title could end up somewhere like Hillsborough. But as the gap between the best and the rest grows bigger by the season, reason dic-tates that come next May the title is more likely to be won by a team playing in red and white or even black and white, than one which plays in blue and white. The last time a team playing in blue and white stripes won the title was in 1929-30, and it was Sheffield Wednes-

Wigan eager to satisfy hunger

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

The forgotten team versus the team that has unnecountably forgotten to win a trophy so far this season. That is how they line up this evening in a fascinating first semi-final of the Premier-

Wigan, empty-handed at this stage, are hungry to the point of starvation, so they are the favourites not only to go to Old Trafford next Sunday but to win the Premiership. Perhaps their the Premiership, Pernaps their preparation has not been perfect this week, with Herry Paul, Gary Connolly and Va'aiga Tuigamala taking time out to tie up their winters in rugby union, but does anyone really want to bet on Wigan completing a full campaign without winning anything?

Bradford Bolls have stimed.

Bradford Bolls have slipped out of the spotlight of late. As-sured of third place no matter what, they have gone off the buil and need to rediscover the form that made them the best team

in the country in mid-season. Several Bulls are said to be snorting over their omission from the Super League "Dream Team" announced this week. Robbie Paul, Stuart Spruce and Steve McNamara all have the perfect opportunity to show that they are the best in their positions. If they can do so, the unthinkable prospect of an empty trophy cabinet at Central Park

could just become a reality.

Those in search of ao appetiser for that match could do far worse than the Halifax Student World Cup final at Salford tomorrow afternoon,

The finalists are a nice contrast - Australia, the clear pretournament favourites, and Western Samoa, who have surprised even themselves by get-

When it comes to fathoming the reason for their success, do not tell the Samoans that small is beautiful, hecause this is arguably the biggest rugby league team that has ever taken the field. Their backs are built like prop forwards and virtually every member of their pack makes that most celebrated of Samoan players, aiga Tuiga tively anorexic.
"We are expecting a very

physical game, because we will be heavily outweighed," says the Australian coach, John Me-Martin His side, however, is formidably well-drilled and capable of demonstrating that size is not everything by rea half-time buffet. Certainly that was my experience when I taining the world championship.

cult to hear it is impossible Newlove will be able to carry on cannot tell the difference).

I enjoyed my day as a guest london Broncos, who feel with of the chib as I enjoy most of my some justification that they visits to Feethams. The tempta- should have beaten them twice tion to change to watch big-time already this season and that football is great - Ferdinand, As-prilla, Juninho et al are all on the divisional semi-finals which will doorstep. But I know I won't, determine the undercard at

Salford should be too strong guard at Cougar Park.

Brief encounter produces painful romance at Feethams

The passawo seasons have seen clubs it is easy to forget that; the thinking as they prepare a great relival in the fortunes of there are two other League themselves to ask the inevitable. forthalf in the North-east of fengland. Last season it was Middlesbrough returning to the Premier League and playing in a posh new stadium at the Riverside. This season it is the turn of Sunderland, although they will is the real world, the world of the questioner. I ignore any turn and then premier League and playing in a posh new stadium at the Riverside. This season it is the turn of Sunderland, although they will is the real world, the world of the questioner. I ignore any turn to the purposes of the questioner. I ignore any turn to the purposes of the questioner. have to wait another year for fneir new ground. Newcastle have fought hard for - and nearly won - the Premiership. I think it was the former Sunderland great Len Shackleton who once called the North-east the

is pouring into these clubs. In the midst of the euphoria surrounding the success of

ican imports by our neighbours while speculating on when Mat-ty (Appelby), Shaun (Gregan) or Robbie (Blake) will depart

lington is to raise doubts in peo-ple's minds about your sanity. You can see them adjusting

swering the first question, assunning it to be sarcasm. As far as the second is concerned, I suppose the simple answer is the one most football fans would give: it is the first team my fa-ther took me to watch when I

for a song.

To mention to conversation was a small boy and there is a sort of sentimental (irrational) attachment to the club that has stuck ever since. Darlington play at Feethams Ground. As football grounds go

FAN'S EYE VIEW No 151: Darlington Tony Daniels

quiries, the tone of my reply de-pending on the superciliousness spend a Saturday afternoon, especially in August and April when cricket and football are played on adjacent fields. However, the ground is now showing its age and plans are afoot for the first stage of an extensive refurbishment' programme, to make it an all-senter stadium and bring it into the 21st century.

Like many fans I'll miss the terraces, especially the Tin Shed (North Stand) where the home fans torment the visiting goalkeepers. Before last season the

torment for the full 90 minutes since the home fans were allowed to mass migrate from one and of the ground to the other

at half-time. However, another tradition has ended in the name of safety, so we now remain in our assigned enclosure - except of course to escape for the halftime pie and pee.
Life is never dull at the end of the season at Darlington. Since I returned from exile in

Cheshire eight years ago I can-not recall Darlington finishing ei-ther below fifth from the top or above third from the bottom of the League in a season. No languishing in mid-table here. Last season was no exception, with a right royal battle for promotion

visiting goalies had to endure the that took us to the end of May and Wembley! Last season was also excep-

tional for another reason; which

club had the best away record in the four English divisions? Yes, check your tables, it was Darlington, with only one defeat on their League travels. For some unfathomable reason things tend to go wrong at Feethams - seven defeats, one of which provided the bottom club, Torquay, with their only away win.
Darlington FC (or "Darlo" -

few refer to the club by their recognised nickname, The Quakers) call themselves The Friendly Club. Complain and they don't throw you out but in-vite you to the directors' box to watch the game in comfort with wrote to the chairman about the | Tomorrow's programme conawful public address system sists of an intriguing second Pre-(actually it wasn't working on the micrship semi-final between St day in question but it's so diffi-

there's something comforting, al-most paternalistic about supporting the little club with its for the Second Division chamconstant struggle for survival. pions, Hull KR, but the other And, just for once, going one-up Humberside club, Hull, might on the neighbours - a visit to just sneak under Keighley's

Jansher still the king in **Hong Kong**

England's Mark Cairns scanded a rallying call to his fellow professionals to stop the seemingly havincible Jansher Khan after the top seed beat him-15-10, 15-6, 15-7 in the quarterfinals of the Hong Kong Open

Scotland's Peter Nicol, who beat the seventh seed, Chris Walker of England, believes he is the man to upset the Pals-istani-who is chasing his eighth Hong Kong title, Camus, ranked 12th, could

not live with the controlled, error-free play of the world No I and said afterwards that squash needed someone to put the frighteners on him.

He is always odds-on favourite to win events and that is not good for the sport," Cairus said. "We need somebody to really push him. At the moment he does not think he can be beaten. The sport needs a player to get a win over him to put that bit of doubt in his mind."

Nicol, the fourth-seeded Scotsman, beat Walker 15-8, 15-13, 13-15, 15-9 to set up a semi-final with the world No 2, Redney Pyles of Australia.

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Doohan closes on third title

eight year absence. If Dooban Honda team mate, Alex Criville of Spain, fails to finish, the Australian will clinch his third world title in three years.

Doohan leads Criville by 52 points with four rounds in cluding Imola, remaining But neither Doohan nor Criville

has raced at the radically to-designed 3.04-mile (4.89-kilo-metra) track. metre) track. The changes to the circuit fol-

world champion, Ayrton Sema, and Roland Ratzenberger, of Anstria, during the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix tomorrow as Imola hosts the San Marino Grand Prix after an eight-year absence. If Dooksen wins and his also seems died head of the finish straight where wins and his also seems died head of the finish straight where wins and his also seems died head of the finish straight where wins and his also seems died head of the finish straight where wins and his also seems died head of the finish straight where we will be seen to be seen a seem of the finish straight where we will be seen to be seen to be seen a seem of the finish straight where we will be seen to be see

Luca Cadalora, third in the championship, and the local hero Loris Capirossi carry the Italian flag in the 500cc category, but many home fans will be looking to the other races.

The double 250cc world champion, Max Biaggi, brings a 37-point lead to Imola while two Italian tecnagers. Valentino Rossi and Ivan Goi, me racing the first that the state of ing before their home fans for the first time since winning the low the dearths of Formula One last two 125cc grands prix.

> the political tribulations that will follow as the existing classes

1. 12mm · 12 20 **Budgen brothers cut a dash** inganother look at the boat next

week on Italy's Lake Garda.
On behalf of the Interna-The Budgen brothers, Andy and Ian, convincingly won the Andi Laser 5000 National Champi-onship in Hayling Bay yesterday, writes Stuart Alexander. tional Sailing Federation, he will be looking at 11 candidates for a class of high-performance dingly to be considered for the 2000 Games in Sydney. The trials will be nothing to

The series had been cut from 15 to 12 races after being blown

fight tooth and nail to retain their places at November's an-mal general meeting. "I can their lackson said, "that many commiss may vote to stick with shelidevil they know rather manages they don't know

Bevan shares early lead with Fox-Pitt

Equestrianism William Fox-Pitt and Lynne Bevan share the lead in the first of two advanced sections at the

Land-Rover British Horse Tri-als Championships at Gat-combe Park, where the dressage phase began yesterday, writes Genevieve Murphy.

Fox-Pitt, who rode Cosmopolitan II for the British Olympic team, achieved his good score on Georgie Caldwell's Tawny Owl whom be

rates as his next bright hope for the future, "He's incredibly athletic in all three phases, so far he finds it very easy," he said.

Beyan's mount is Thomas
Atkins, a Comish-bred eightyear-old whose eventing career was interrupted in 1994 when the rider broke her collar-bone, and again last year when the horse

had a corn followed by a virus.

After Bevan broke her collarbone, Mark Todd took over the

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Basketball Sheffield Starfs beat their hosts, RZG, 84-73 on Thursday in their first pool match at the Tophlood International Tournament in Groningen, the Netherlands.

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Football

The New England Under-21 coach, Peter Taylor, gives debuts to three players in today's opening European Under-21. Chempionship qualifor in Moldow. Charton's Staun Newton, Graharm Potter of Southampton, and Michael Duberry of Chelses, are the un-capped trio in a side captained by Wirn-bledon's Ben Thatcher.

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Sheffield Wednesday made a loss of £2.25m in the year to 31, May 1995. TRANSFER: Antoine Komboueré (defender) Sion (Swit) to Aberdeen £300,000).

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The big picture Tous les Matins du Monde Sat 10.55pm C4

As Amadeus proved, the right combination of period costume, painterly design and exquisite soundtrack can be heady indeed. Those three elements merge in Tous Les Matins du Monde, Alain Comeau's lovingty-photographed period drama. It recounts the difficult relationship between the real-life 17th century viola de gamba master Saint Colombe and his pupil Marin Marais (played, old and young, by Gerard and Guillaume Depardieu).

Television preview

RECOMMENDED VIEWING THIS WEEKEND by Gerard Gilbert



Truth or Dare Sat 9.15pm BBC1 Safe with Us Sun 7.25pm BBC2 Celluloid Icons Sun 8pm C4 Talentspotting Sun 9pm C4

is, but I had to wind back the preview cassette of the opening episode of Safe with Us (Sun BBC2) just to make sure Lawson wasn't being impersonated by an actor. But no, it's old "double-dinners" OK, but much reduced. Lawson has his own inflation under control, that's for sure, in fact he could single-handedly join the ERM tomorrow.

This strange apparition is one of the key witnesses (some might say prime suspects) in BBC social affairs editor Niall Dickson's three-part look at Mrs Thatcher's reforms of the NHS. He's joined by Kenneth Clarke ("He's 15 stone, he smokes and he drinks - and now he's in charge of your health"), who volunteers the information that he dreamt up the idea of GP fund-holding while standing on a promontory in Gallicia. One absent-minded step to the left and the development of the Health Service could have been very different.

These instant histories are becoming all the rage, and they do make you naively wish that politicians would speak as candidly in office as out. If Dickson's series initially lacks anything, it's a point of view. Perhaps that Trainspotting and gives an indication of what the

No shortage of heat in Truth or Dare (Sat BBC1); which finds Cardiac Artest's Helen Baxendale in various states of undress. Like many one-off TV dramas, alas, this Screen One offering from BBC Scotland gets increasingly silly as it goes along. At heart, it's a late addition to the 1980s cycle of yuppie-in-peril movies, with Baxendale playing Lorna, an ambitious young Edinburgh lawyer in her late 20s, with a nice car, a nice flat and some nice underwear. Then one day, she bumps into her wild friends from university days. This trio of hur-loving slackers, led by John Hannah in a Mephistophelian goatie, enter Lorna's new life like a computer virus. trashing the car, squatting a client's flat and stealing her files. Where will it all end? Where, indeed.

More original is Jez and Tom Butterworth's Christmas, the first of three made-for-television dramas by new British filmmakers. These dramas are gathered together under an umbrella called Talentspotting (Sun C4), which plays on the title of the recent Brit-movie smash

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To compliment Robert Epstein's two-part history of gay and lesbian cinema, The Celluloid Closet, which starts next Thursday, Channel 4 has come up with a new series called Celluloid Icons (Sun C4). Lovers of the English language will have to get used to the expression "iconic moments", which is not some new range of paints, but what is created, for example, when Jodie Foster and Kelly McGillis hold hands at the end of The Accused. The lesbians here admit that they are clutching 8t straws most of the time - there was nothing overtly lesbian about Foster and McGillis's exchange, after all. But it was an Iconic Moment - handily described as "a guerilla tactic to steal lesbian moments from a film". Jodie Foster is the first Colluloid Icon in the series. As her admirers debate whether she's a butch or a femme icon, this from a review of Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore: "Foster looks like a boy, but talks like a man."



The big match

Moldova v England Sua 3pm Sky Sports 1 & 10.25pm BBC1

After Terry Veriables's success in taking England to the semi-final of Euro 96, his successor as coach, Glenn Hoddle (above), has a tough act to follow in his opening match, a World Cup qualifier in Moldova. Hoddle will no doubt be reminding his players that Moldova beat Wales 3-2 in the last European Championship qualifiers. Before a ball has been kicked. however, he has pleased the pundits by recalling to the squad misunderstood genius, Matt Le Tissier.

ITV/Regions

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm Moves, Games and Votes
(37/35), 1.10 Films Barney (29548122), 2.45 Airwolf (540/73), 12.05am Films The Island (37/03/25),
2.10am Carral Knowledge (6680739), 3.05am Films
One of Those Things (2504197), 4.35am Cosch
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As London except: 12.30pm Premiere (37035). 1.15

The Making of Jennes and the Giant Peach (103580). 1.45 Wanted Dead or Afric (102851). 2.15 Mo. es. Games & Videos (194832). 2.45 Knight Rider (544073). 3.55am Jobindar (8741438). 5.20-5.30am

HTV As London except: 12.30pm West: No Naked Flames (37035). Wakes: Go Getters (6163899): 12.55 Wakes: Carbon Time (40577493). 1.10 West: Carbonia of Bass (83753122). Wakes: House (83753122). 1.40 Moves, Games & Videos (53485325). 2.10 Bayuston (829257). 5.10 Wakes: Let's Go (3001996). 5.15 Carbon Time (3000257). 12.05am Film: The Island (49704345). 2.10am Carrol Knowledge (6680739). 3.05am Film: One of Those Things (2904197). 4.35am Coach (19017739). 5.00-5.30am World of Selling (48081).

Saturday television and radio

BBC₁

7.25 News, Weather (2531344). 7.30 Children's 8BC: Oscar's Orchestra. 7.55 Robinson Sucroe. 8.15 The Raccoons. B.40 Marvel Action Hour. 9.45 The Flintstones Meet Rockula and Frankenstone, 10.35 Clarissa Explains It All. 11.00 Grange Hill. 11.30 Sweet Valley High.

11.50 The O Zone. 12.05 Cartoon. 12.12 Weather (1150948). 12.15 Grandstand, 12.20 Football Focus, 1.00 News 1.05 Cricket Focus. 1.30 Touring Cars. Action from the Touring Car Championship at Thruston, 2.00 Motorcycling, Rounds 13 and 14 of the British 5uperbike Championship, 2,20 Water-Skiing, The British Masters at Reading, 3.45 Football Half-Times. 3.55 Triathlon, World Championship highlights from Cleveland, Ohio. 4.45 Final Score (S) (16963290).

5.20 News, Weather (3096054). * 5.30 Regional News and Weather (236615).

5.35 Dad's Army. Sgt Wilson is to be made manager of the bank's Eastgate branch, much to Captain Mainwaring's obvious chagrin (R) (237783), *
6.05 Jim Davidson's Generation Game. Jim Davidson and glamorous assistant Melanie Stace crank up a new series of the ancient game show, Innovations include a new musical spot to wind up the show in tonight's case, the cast of the West End musical Hot 5hoe 5huffle (S) (592509).

7.05 Due South. More comedy action from Paul Gross's Canadian Mountie in Chicago, Two priceless Aboriginal masks are stolen (5) (228832). * 50 The National Lottery Live (S) (843509).

8.05 Casualty. Twas the night before Ash and Laura's wedding, which of course does nothing to stem the tide of sick and wounded from winding up at Holby General. The last of the repeats, a new series starts in September (R) (S1 (821764). +

8,55 News and Sport, Weather (Followed by National Lottery Update) (692,122). * 9.15 Screen One: Truth or Dare. See Preview, above (S) 142887493), *

10.55 AM Boiling Point (James B Ham's 1993 US). A notch or two more interesting than the usual copmovie fodder, this well-structured thriller adds character complexity and a strong cast to the staple plot of US Treasury agent Wesley Snipes seeking revenge for the murder of his partner. The object of his vengeance is a scam-artist, played with his usual guslo by Dennis Hopper (\$1 (3405493).

12.20 GUM Memories of Murder (Robert Lewis 1990 US). Nancy Allen deserves better than this witless thriller about an amnesiac woman who can no longer recognise her own family but does have dim distant memories of a murder (764178). *

1.55 Weather (7306975). To 2.00am. REGION5. Wales: 2.40pm Football: Wales v San Marino, Scot: 10.55 World Cup Sportscene. 12.10 Film: Memories of Murder. 1.45 Weather. NI: 10.55pm World Cup Soccer. 11.35 Film: Bolling Point, 1.10 Weather.

BBC₂

6.00 Open University: Somewhere a Wall Came Down (3288238). 6.25 Maths (3290073), 6.50 Flight Simulators and Robots (2168431). 7.15 Chardin and the Still Life (3559431). 7.40 Frontiers of Geology (1349344), 8.05 King Cotton's Palace (5298615). 8.30 Brecht on Stage (7410696). B.55 Jazz, Ragga and Synthesisers (7422431). 9.20 Anti-racism (7033870). 9.45 Me – a 5tudent? (5487257). 10.10 The Rainbow (2007967). 10.35 Managing in the Marketplace (5076561). 11.00 Problems with Patterns (5713344). 11.25 Czech Education – after the Revolution (8076306). 11.50 Four Towns and a

12.15 Pride of Dress. The traditional costumes of the Friesland in the Netherlands (R) (3776219). 12.25 People's Century. Another chance to see the first 10 episodes of the 8BC's ambitious oral history series about the 20th century, as a prelude to the

next batch, which begin showing next month.

12.25 1900 – Age of Hope (R) (S) (7654509), *

1.20 1914 – Killing Fields (R) (S) (9068306). *

2.15 1917 – Red Flag. Communism (R) (S) (7007180).

3.10 1919 – Lost Peace, The League of Nations and German hyper-inflation (R) (S) (4603851), * 4.00 1930 – Sporting Fever. The explosion of sport as a mass pursuit (R) (S) (5700832).

4.55 1924 – On the Line, Henry Ford, mass production and all that (R) (S) (9583035). 5.50 1927 – The Great Escape. The growth of cinema (R) (S) (435615). *

6.45 Rugby Special. John Inverdale opens a new season of rugby action with highlights from Saracens v Leicester, and Orrell v Bath (S) (704528). 7.45 News and Sport, Weather (844238). *
8.00 Cricket, Highlights of the second of three 50-overs-

per-side one-day internationals between England and Pakistan (S) (7431). 9.00 People's Century. And so back to BBC2's main

event of the day, the repeating of the first 10 films in its oral history of the 20th century.

9.00 1929 – Breadline. The Great Depression (R) (S) 9.55 1933 - Master Race, You know who (R) (S)

10.50 1939 - Total War. The story of the Second World

War told from the perspective of the civilian experience (R) (S) (130851), *

11.45 (S) Do the Right Thing (Spike Lee 1989 US). Lee's brilliantly orchestrated and uncompromisingly bleak view of race relations, showing how the thin veneer of racial harmony in a mixed Brooklyn neighbourhood breaks down over the course of one sweltering summer's day. The focal point is a pizza restaurant whose of Danny Alello, refuses to change the pictures of Italian sporting heroes for those of black ones. With Spike Lee and NYPO Blue's John Turtuno (Then Weatherview) (986615). To 1.45am.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV: News and Weather. 6.10 Cabbage Patch Dolls. 6.35 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.10 Barney and Friends. 7.40 Disney's Wake Up in the Wild Room

9.25 Wow! New series – same old sort of fast-moving, pop-dominated babble to keep kids and teenagers glued to the box. The week's musical guests are Louise and boy band Menswear (S) (66338141). 11.00 The Noise. More of the same really. Andi Peters presents and Boyzone are the first guests (3986).

11.30 The Chart Show (S) (9952B). 12.30 Move on Up. New series looking at issues affecting teenagers (370.35).

1.00 News and Weather (24416257). * 1.05 London Today (24415528). * 1.10 Movies, Games and Videos (6915967). 1.45 Cartoon Time (45441493).

1.55 Airwolf (R) (7685073).

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 2.50 Thunder in Paradise (S) (1752870).
 3.45 International Athletics. From Berlin, the final Golden Four meeting (540257), *
 4.45 News, Sports Results, Weather (4842290).
 5.05 London Tonight, Sports Results (2455696). *
 5.20 Beadle's About. Forget John Birt's speech about the licence fee, the happiest news from this year's Ediphurch TV Easthral was the confirmation that Edinburgh TV Festival was the confirmation that Beadle's About is for the chop (S) (4892509). *

5.50 SeaQuest 2032. They all live in a futuristic submarine (S) (704257). * 6.40 Body Heat. Physical jerks (S) (631829). *
7.25 The Big, Big Talent Show, Opportunity knocks for a singer, a ventriloquist, a female illusionist trio and a comedian (Including Lottery Result) (257344).

8.15 Family Fortunes. Les Dennis is the host (S) B.45 News, Weather, Lottery Result 1607054). *

9.00 An Audience with Freddie Start. Celebrity chums including Dale Winton and Robson Green – pay homage to the Scouse one (R) (S) (1493). *

10.00 Alien 3 (David Fincher 1992 U5). Further shocks as the king prawn-lookalike drops out of yet more air-conditioning ducts, in the second sequel to the influential sci-fi/ horror hybrid. Rather a dour affair, really, with Sigourney Weaver landing in a troglodytic penal colony-cum-religious sect populated by the likes of Charles Oance, Paul McGann, Brian Glover and you know who (S) (39822325), *

12.05 Furmy Business, Scenes from the Edinburgh Fringe (S) 11349772).
12.35 INSTEED BL 5tryker – Winner Takes All (Alan J Levi 1990 US). Burt Reynolds investigates murder in

the world of pro football (\$) (824159). 2.15 The Chart Show (R) (S) (9661913).

3.05 E! News Review (1609410). 3.55 Cool Vibes (68218442). 4.55 Night Shift (87617611). 5.05 Coach (R) (S) (9155913).

5.30 News (33062). To 6.00am.

Channel 4

6.00 Sesame Street (R) (2829257). 6.55 The Magic School Bus (R) (S) (9127257). 7.30 The Ferals (52054).

8.00 Gaelic Games. The best of the season's football and hurling action (46677),
9.00 The Morning Line. The rags to watch (\$) (48948).
10.00 Blitzl Gary Imlach previews another season of American football (58238).
11.00 Trans World Sport (61702).

12.00 Rawhide (47412). 1.00 Madame Bovary (Vincente Minnelli 1949

U5). Highly fanciful version of Flaubert's tale, with an over-dressed Jennifer Jones in the title role (the original movie ran with the legend: "Whatever it is that French women have, Madame Bovary has more of it!"). Christopher Kent, Louis Jourdan, James Mason and Van Heffin are the leading men 3.05 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown and Curragh.

Derek Thompson introduces the 3.10 The Lyceum Atlanta Stakes (Sandown), the 3.40 Bison Stakes (Sandown), the 4.00 Tattersalls Breeders Stakes (Curragh), the 4.15 William Hill Stakes (Sandown), and the 4,45 Sunley Stakes (Curragh). (S) (10175986).

5.05 Brookside Omnibus (R) (S) (2379702). + 6.30 The Middle Ages. Ray Gosling continues to poke around the mid-life condition, looking at how the middle-aged tall in love. One couple met in the supermarket, while two mothers, who met through their children, decided to leave their families and start a new life together (S) (580). *

7.00 News Summary and Weather (156325).
7.15 TEM Roseanne and Tom (Richard A Colla 1994 US). As in Roseanne Barr, as was, and Tom Amold - the showbiz couple whose courtship, marriage and subsequent relationship meltdown kept the American tabloids in stories for the best part of a decade. Patrika Darbo is convincing as Roseanne, in whose favour the film is obviously biased, Mind you, a movie biased in favour of Tom Arnold (played by Stephen Lee) would be severely stretching credibility (S) (64178832). *

 9.00 ER. Hospital grief. The first major snowstorm of the season hits Chicago (R) (S) (921219).
 9.55 Father Ted. Cult laughs. To raise money to fix a leaky roof, Father Ted (Dermot Morgan) borrows a car to raffle as a prize. But how are they going to return It after it has been won? (R) (S) (747832).

10.25 Roseanne. The Conners are chosen to have their TV viewing monitored for a year (R) (S) (933702). 10.55 ERM Tous Les Matins du Monde (Alain Corneau 1992 Fr). See The 8ig Picture, above (S) (60901412).
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Behaviour: Beetle (3666371). 2,40 Full Frontal (5812265), 3.10 Squawidetalide (R) (S) (19670265), * 3.40 Dweebs (S) (49474604). To 4.10am.

As London except: 9.25am Wow (£5338)141, 12.30 Movies, Garres & Videos (37035). 1.10 Menden Metro Sport (\$3753122), 140 Beach volleghal (59-25535) 2.10 World of Saling (58489290), 2.40 Arraoli (9770228), 12.05am Film: The stand (497/4246). 2.10am Carrol Knowledge (5680739), 3.05am Film: One of Those Thirgs (2904197), 4.35am Coach (19017739), 5.00-5.30am Freestreen (48081). WESTCOUNTRY

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Radio

Radio 1

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6.00am No Dutta 8.05 Brian Matthew 10.00 Phillip Schofield 1.00 Talking Comedy 1.30 The "What If" Show 2.00 Judi Spiers 4.00 Nick Barraclough 5.00 They Call Me Mr Pitiful 6.00 Joe Jackson in Concert 7.00 Ned Sherrin's Review of Revue 7.30 Alan Dell Memorial Concert 9.30 David Jacobs 10.00 Shendan Morley 12.05 Sue McGarry 4.00-6.00am Mo Outta

Radio 3

198 25**2 4180 FU**D 7.00am Musical Europe. 9.00 Proms News. 9.30 Humphiey Burton's Master-12.00 Off the Record.

1.00 News: Placido Comingo.
Michael Oliver introduces Olfenbach's The Tales of Hoffmann in which Domingo plays the romantic figure of the cost Hoffmann, Cast includes Joan Sutherland Isoprano), Huguette Tourangeau (mezzo), Gabriel Bacquier (bantone), Pro Arte Chorus of Lausanne, Du Bras-Chorus and Orchestra Richard Borrygne, (7/9). 35 Youth Orchestras of the

World. Philip Flood: Rising I'llster Youth Orchestra Myrat). Havdn: Trumpet Concerto in E flat (Niall Keatley, trumpet, of Belfast Youth Orchestra/ Foreman). Shostakovich: Symphony No 5 (Ulster Youth Orcnestra/Myral).

5.00 Jazz Record Requests. 5.45 Conlon Nancarrow. 6.30 Susan Chilcott. 7.30 BBC Proms 1996, Live from the Royal Albert Hall, Joan Rodgers (sopranol, Bonaventura Bottone (tenor), Alan Opie (bantone). Martin Robertson (sarophone), BBC Symphony Chorus, BBC Symphony Orsky: Pulcinella, (8.10-8.30 A Tribute to Geoffrey Jellicoe, An

Choice

Two portraits of American musicians this evening with They Call Me Mr Pitiful (5pm R2) looking at the all-too short life of Otis Redding, followed by a rerun of an excellent feature about the considerably longer-lived maestro piano player, Conlos Nascarrow (5.45pm R3).

scape gardener who died last month at the age of 95.) Mark-Anthony Tumage: Your Rocka-by. Faure: Requiem. 9 55 Books Abroad Author Tibor Fischer reports on the world's best-selling author, the bridge novels of China, and is granted a rare audience with V S Napaul. (6/6). 10.25 Bons Berezovsky

10.55 Michel Petrucciani 1.00 Through the Night, With **Oavid Cornel** 1.01 Euro-Jazz. 2.30 Popular Class 4.00 Goldlieb Wallfisch. 5.00 Sequence. 5.55-6.00am Open University.

Radio 4 1924-94 But FK 1986E UN 6.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Today. 8.58 Weather. 9.00 News.

9,05 Sport on 4.
9,30 Breakaway.
10,00 News; Loose Ends.
11,00 FM; News; The Agenda.
11,00 LW; Cncket. The second
Texaco Trophy one-day international al Edgbaston, between England and Pakistan, Commentary by Jonathan Agnew, Henry Blofeld and Christopher

Martin-Jenkins. 11.30 FM: From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 FM: Money Box. 12.25 FM: News Quiz. 12.55 FM: Weather. 1.10 J.W. Cricket.

1.10 FM: In the Dock. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 FM: News; Cargoes. Style Cane furniture, bone china, tea, Dutch brick, Campbell Mc-Murray examines that most strange and subliminal of freight: style.

2.30 FM: Saturday Playhouse: The Insider, in Grant 5uther-land's Inlense drama, Grahame Carlton is a senior banker at don bank controlled by his family. But his well-ordered life is blown apart when his friend and colleague is found mysteri-ously murdered. With Tim

McInnemey, Alice Amold and McInnerney, Alice Arrivid and Robert Lang.
4.00 FM: News; That's History. Gerry Northam explores the curious world of re-enactment societies: is it credible research or just pantomime? Plus a look at the history of calculation. at the history of pain-free

surgery. 4.30 Science Now. 5.00 Relative Values. 5.40 FM; Tidal Talk from the Rock Pool. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 LW: Cricket. 6.00 FM: Six O'Clock News. 6.25 The Mark Steel Solution.

6.50 Oftspring.
7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature. Paul Allen sees the closing events at the 50th Edinburgh Festival and discusses the contribution the festival has made to the culture of Great Britain with various directors and critics. 7.50 On These Days. A look back at some of the events that look place 50 years ago this week,

including the announcement of an Indian Interim Government and the first radio broadcast from Ben the talking dog.

8.50 Saturday Night Theatre: His Last Bow. The Dying Detective. Struck down by a rare tropical disease. Sherlock Holmes lies fever-indden and hallucinating on his bed. Only one man in London can help him. With

Clive Merrison, Michael Williams, Edward Petherbridge and Alex Jennings. 15/8). 9.35 Classics with Kay. Brian Kay presents four contrasting musi-cal portraits of South America.

9.50 Ten to Ten. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 News.

10.00 News.
10.15 Onwards and Upwards
and Just Carrying On, by David
Cregan. Joanna is a painter,
Harry is a television reporter.
They love each other but cannot five together. So they just
keep on moving. With Cheryl
Campbell and Bill Nighy.
11.15 The British Film Studios.
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Ealing (3/6). 11.45 Who Goes Home. 11.45 Who Goes Home.
12.00 News.
12.30 Late Story: Forensic Evidence, by Martyn Bedford.
12.48 5hipping Forecast.
1.00 As World Service.
5.50 Inshore Forecast.
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6.05am Oirty Tackle 6.30 Brian
Hayes at Breakfast 9.05 Weekend
with Kershaw and Whittaker
11.05 The 21st Century and How
to Survive it 11.35 if I Ruled the
World 12.00 Midday Edition
12.15 Sportscall 1.05 Sport on
Five 6.06 Six-0-Six 7.25 World
Cup Enotball 9.35 The Bue Fight Cup Football 9.35 The Big Fight 11.00 Night Extra 12.05 Night Talk 2.05 Up All Night 5.00-6.00am Morning Reports

Classic FM

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6,00am Jane Markham, 9.00
Classic Countdown, 12.00 Classic Countdown, 12.00 Classic Gardening Forum, 1.00 Alan Mann, 3.00 Nick Bailey, 6.00
Music of the Americas, 7.00 The World Opera Season. 10.00 The Classic Quiz. 12.00 Andre Leon. 4.00 Classic Travel Guide, 5.00-**Virgin Radio**

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6.00am Janey Lee Grace B.00 Russ & Jono's Greatest Hits

10.00 Richard Skinner 2.00

Mark Forrest (including Cadibury's Crunchie Album Chart) 6.00 Lynn Parsons 10.00 Robin Banks 2.00-6.00am Howard Pearce **World Service**

(1986b LW) 1.00am Newsdesk 1.30 Letter from America 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 For & Against 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Mu-sic Review 4.00 World News 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Fourth Estate 4.45 Write On 4.55 Pop Short 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30 Short Story 5.45-6.00am On the

Satellite

SKY ONE
7.00am Undun (5416851). 12.00
WWF Mania (76948). 1.00 The Hit
Mix (85696). 2.00 Heroules (53219).
3.00 Hawkeye (78332). 4.00 Kurg Fr
(97967). 5.00 Young Indiana Jones
(7986). 6.00 WWF Superstars
(65832). 7.00 Heroules (50031). 8.00
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Cops I 186851). 9.30 Cops II (77677).
10.00 Stand & Deliver (61528). 10.30
Ravelations (47948). 11.00 The Movie
Show (98696). 11.30 Forever Krught
(41801). 12.30 Dream On (69913).
1.00 Cornedy Rules (63371). 1.30
Rachel Gunn, RN (89449). 2.003.00am Hit Mix Long Play (44352).

Sty MOVIES
6.00am Easy Living (1949) (40580).
8.00 The Spy with My Face (1966)
(77899), 10.00 Caught in the Crossfire
(1994) (91257). 12.00 Danny (1979)
(50122). 2.00 Sweet Talker (1990)
(21412). 4.00 Carro Nowhere (1994)
(2290). 6.00 Radioland Murders
(1994). (18948). 8.00 Robin Cook's
Formula for Death (1995). (13493).
10.00 Trial by Jury (1994). (169509).
11.45 Midnight Confessions (1993).
(193783). 1.15 Wait Until Dark (1967)
(458791). 3.00-6.00am Where the
Revers Flow Morth (1993) (5642517).

MOVIE CRAVINEL
6.00am My Little Pony: The Movie
(1935) (48122). 8.00 Robotis: The
Movie (1993) (68141). 10.00 A MilIlonaire for Christy (1951) (99859).
12.00 Rigulatio (1993) (58764). 2.00
Jim's Gitt (1994) (29054). 4.00 A
Young Connecticut Yankee in King
Arthur's Court (1994) (3572). 6.00
Cradie of Caraptracy (1994), (62890).
8.00 Speed (1994). (71035). 10.00
Threesome (1994). (71035). 11.35
Strapped (1993), (462528). 1.20
Schemes (1995) (994178). 3.00 Ultetor Motives (1994) (781438). 4.35
6.00am My Little Pony: The Movie
(1936) (2590420). MOVIE CHANNEL

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12.00 noot Bachelor Mother (1939)
(32851), 1.30 A Dog's Life (1918)
(85561), 2.30 Caught in the Draft
11.941) (52615), 4.00 Arsenic and Old
Lace (1944) (1/22), 6.00 The Seven
Year both (1955), (10344), 8,00 Les Diaboliques (1954), (82561), 10.00 The
Day of the Jackota (1973), (32349325),
12.25 Death Wish 2 (1982) (407371),
2.05 Beyond the Valley of the Dolls
(1970) (195791), 3,45-5,05sm Bachelor Mother (1939) (9474401).

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7.00am Give Us A Clue (2810219).
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7.30 Going for Gold (7899764). 7.55
The Sulfivans (98642716). 10.00
Neighbours (9469870). 12,00 EastEnders (1263257). 2.55 Minde
(56034899). 4.00 Lytton's Diany
(5033219). 5.00 Robin's Nest
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(7776122). 6.10 II Ain't Half Hot,
Murri (3168344), 6.45 Sorry!

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(1683431). 7.20 Bread (9342832). 8.00 Perry Mason: The Case of the Averaging Ace (1988) (95540238). 9.50 Autumn on Gold (7837238). 10.00 Bottom (2845219). 10.40 The Detectives (5403696). 11.20 Miami Vice (8963219). 12.20em Plan of Attack (1992) (1154642). 1.55-7.00am Shopping at Night (1992) (82583389).

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7.00am World Sport (39141), 7.30
Speed & Beauty (25948), 8.00 Finish
Line (57073), 8.30 Racing (56344),
9.00 Asian Golf (20580), 10.00 Hold
the Back Page (14332), 11.00 Football (34696), 12.00 European Golf
(7340899), 4.30 Saturday Results
(56239), 5.30 Finish Line (9180),
6.00 World Sport (7493), 6.30 Super
League (217561), 9.00 Boxing
(715528), 11.30 Termis (25219),
12.30-4.00am US Termis (75428261) 12.30-4.00am US Tennis (7542826).

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00am Soccer (9666851). 10.30 Cricket (6792899). 6.30 Golf (8795493). 7.00 Speedway (1242035). 10.00 Cricket (7032568). 11.00 Olympic Century (2059851). 12.00-1.00am Game of 311lions (8283420). SEY SPORTS 3

3a1 aron; 3 7 12,00pm Aussie Rules Football (40125832). 1,30 Rugby Union (59058290). 4,00 Rugby (39708702). 6,00 Formula 3 Racing (88638344). 6,30 Goff USA (9517431), 8,30 Euro Golf (53922219). 10,00-12,00am Rugby (36832035). 7.30am Eurohu (43344), 8.00 Mountainbile (42141), 8.30 Athletics (58122), 10.30 Cycling (77528), 11.30 Four-Wheels (47986), 12.00 Yinda Racing (69305), 1.00 Motoroycling (78054), 2.00 Athletics (17431), 3.00 Cycling (6508890), 7.30 Football (14537325), 9.45 Football

7476324. 11.00 Mountainble 138238. 11.30 Motorcycling (34587). 12.30-1.00am Pro Wrestling (34587).

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